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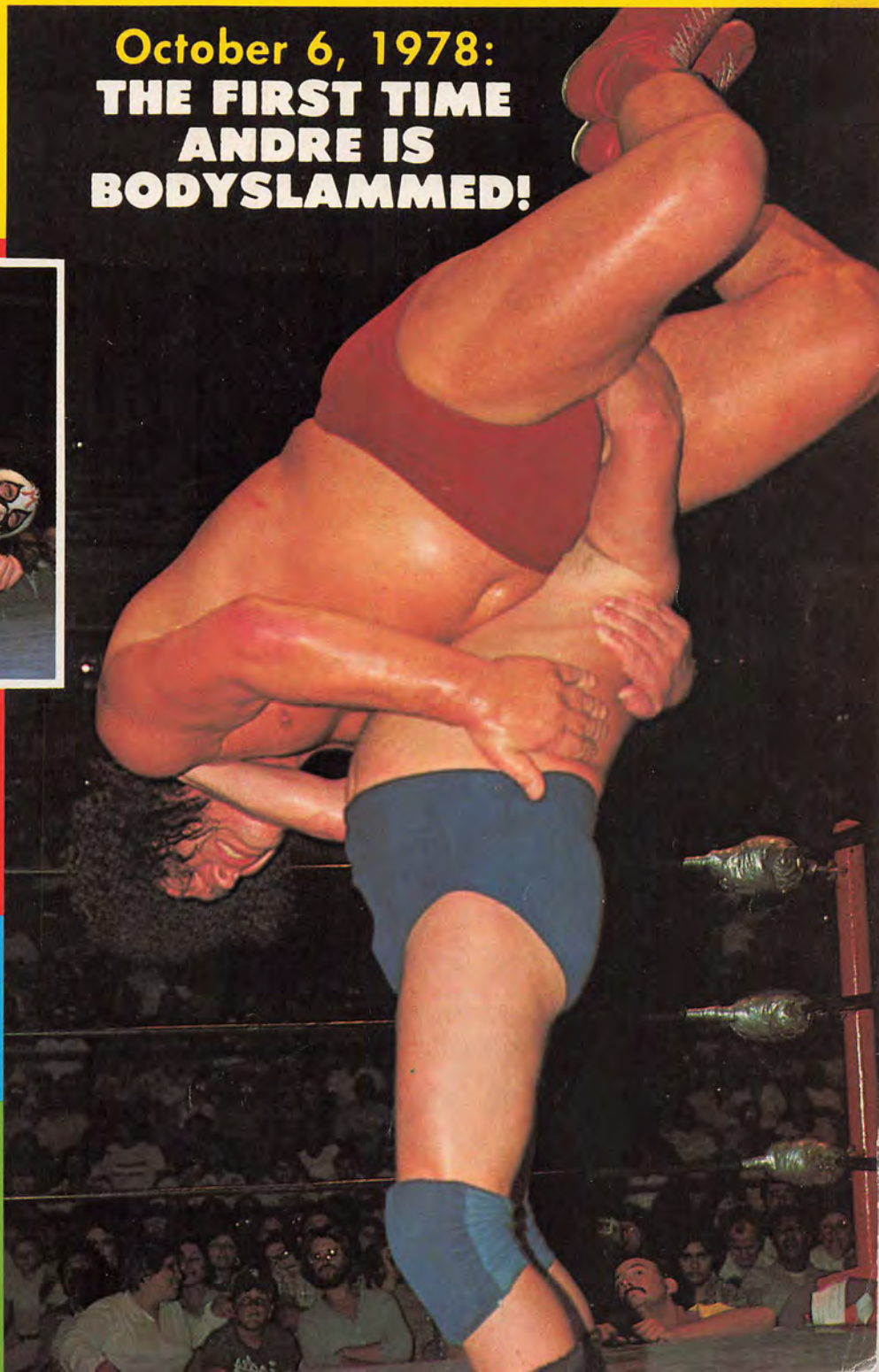
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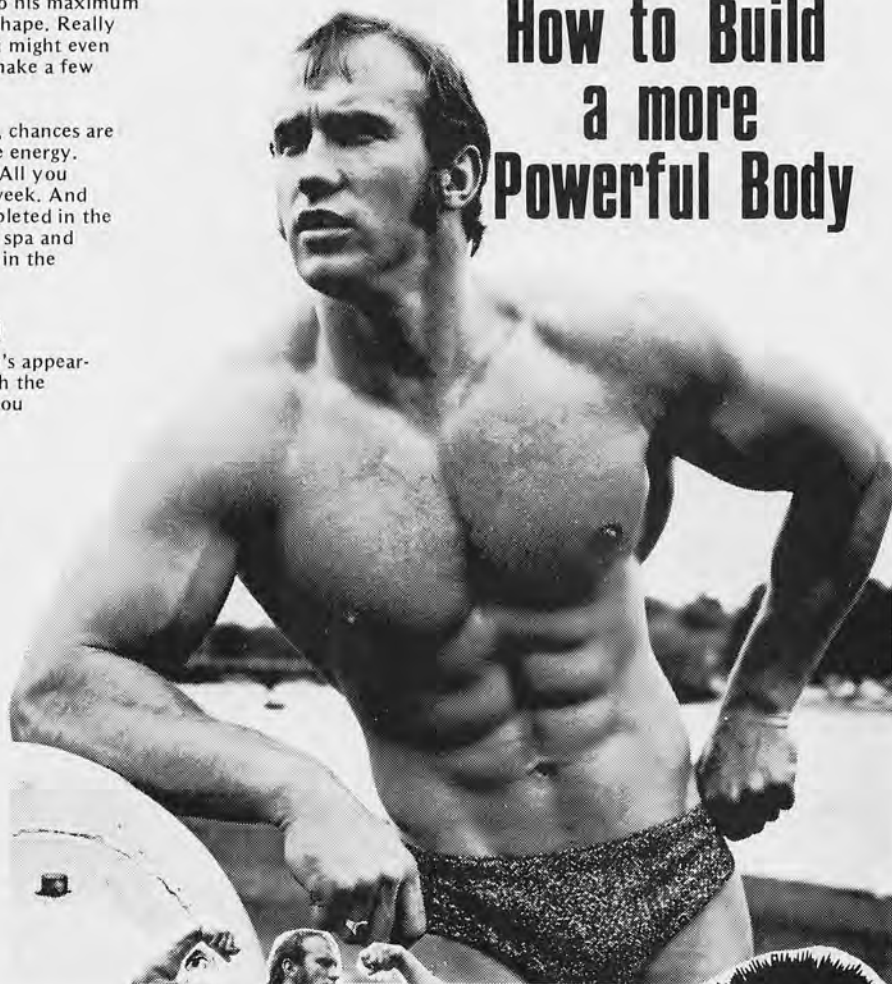
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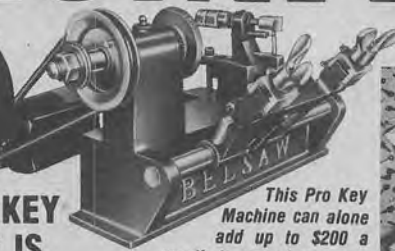
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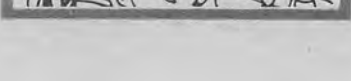
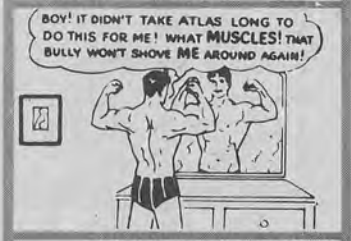
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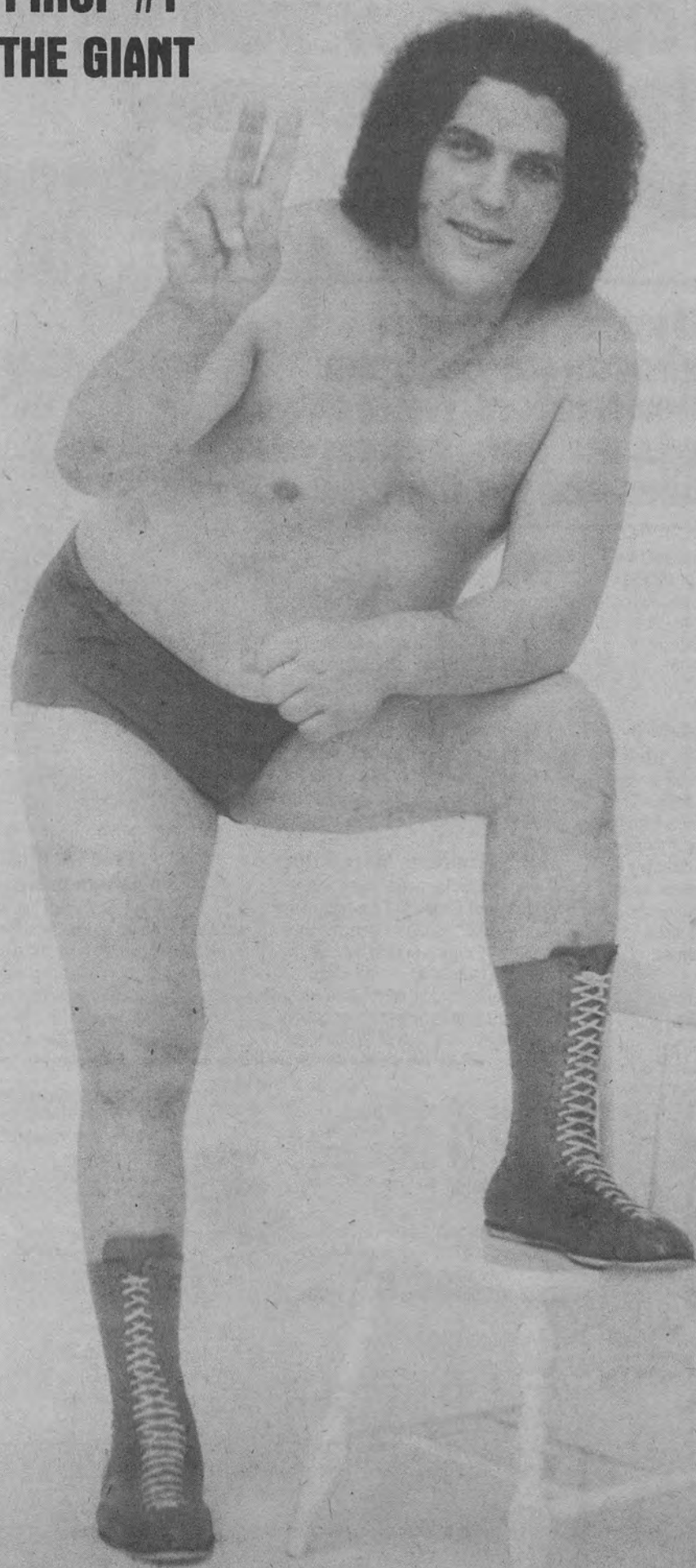
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## WORK BEFORE HIM

Bob Backlund sure has his work cut out for him ("A Decade To Prove I'm The Best in the World" (WRESTLING ANNUAL/Spring 1980). Now I think Bob's a fine wrestler, but the best in the world is something else again.

I think he's shooting too high. He ought to just be concerned with keeping his WWF title. Let the glory come later. If he can

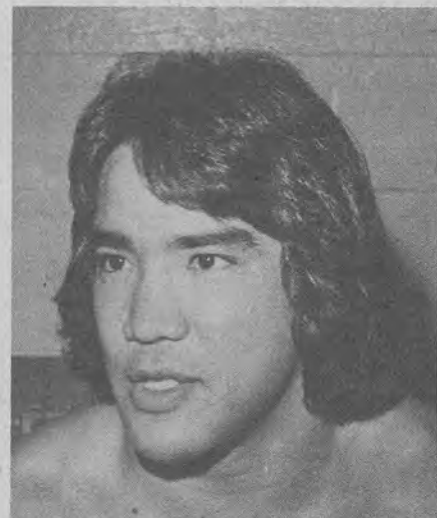
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ARTHUR SIMON  
Hibbing, MN

## REALITY IS BAD ENOUGH

Rick Steamboat spoke for me when he admitted, "I Don't Have Any Dreams" (WRESTLING ANNUAL/Spring 1980). For too long, I've been the victim of dreams. I know just how he feels.

There's no sense in dreaming about what could be or might have been. There are nights that I'm sure Rick thinks about the



Many people do not have dreams, writes Lori Camille, so she does not blame Rick Steamboat for not revealing any of his for the '80s.

title matches that didn't get him belts, about foes that weren't defeated, and fans who cried themselves to sleep. I know about the fans who cry themselves to sleep. I used to be one.

I loved Rick Steamboat with all my heart. He never even met me. Well, I stopped hoping for the dream he'd see me in the crowd and fall in love. I'm getting married tomorrow. It won't be to Rick Steamboat. I don't have any dreams, either.

LORI CAMILLE  
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Reader Lee Mannering commends Bruno Sammartino for expressing his hopes that wrestling "stays good." Above, Bruno throws a long right at Jerry Valiant.



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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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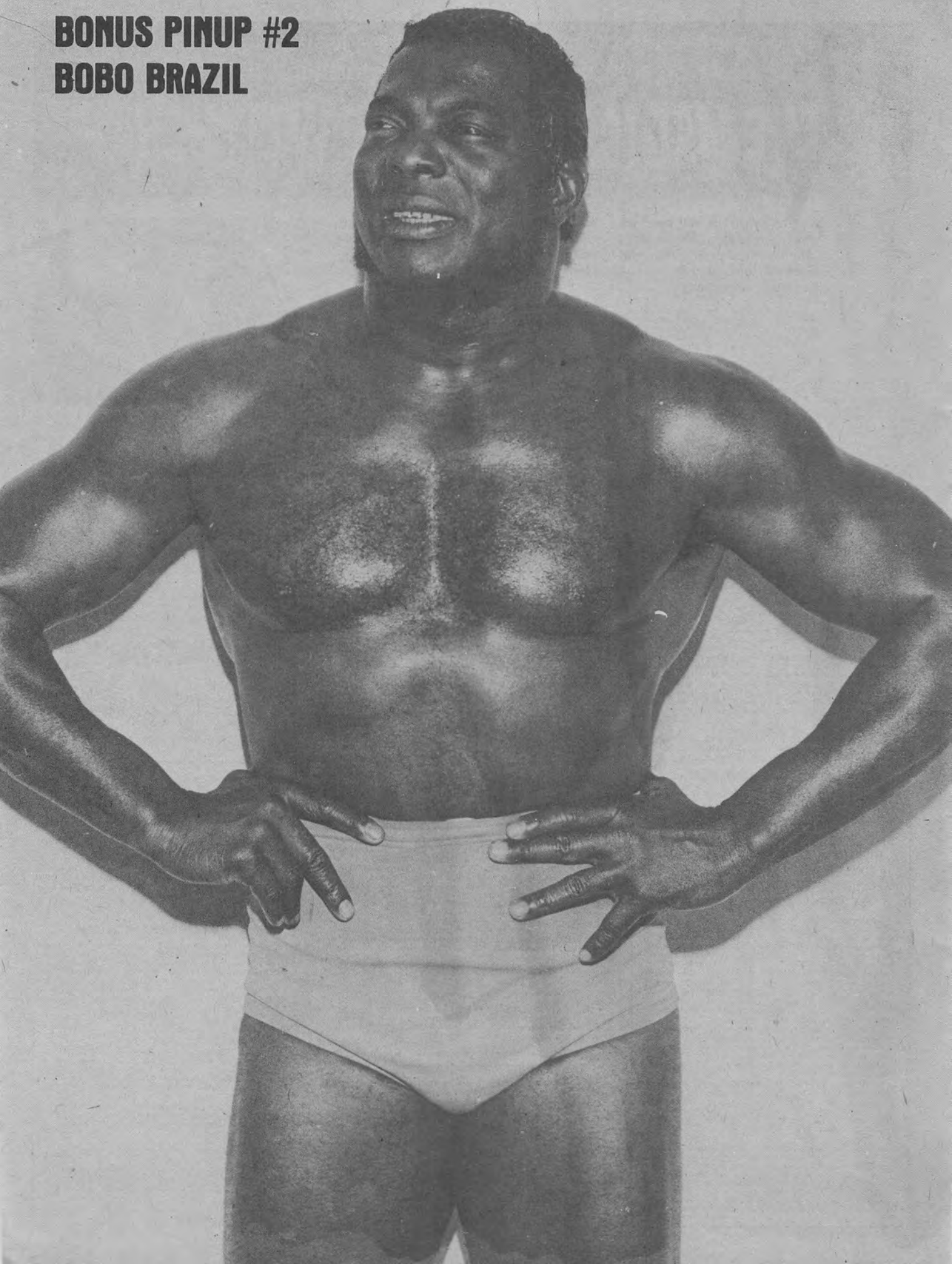
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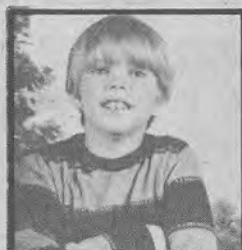
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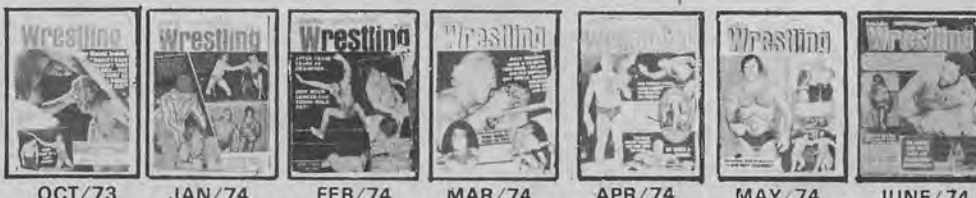
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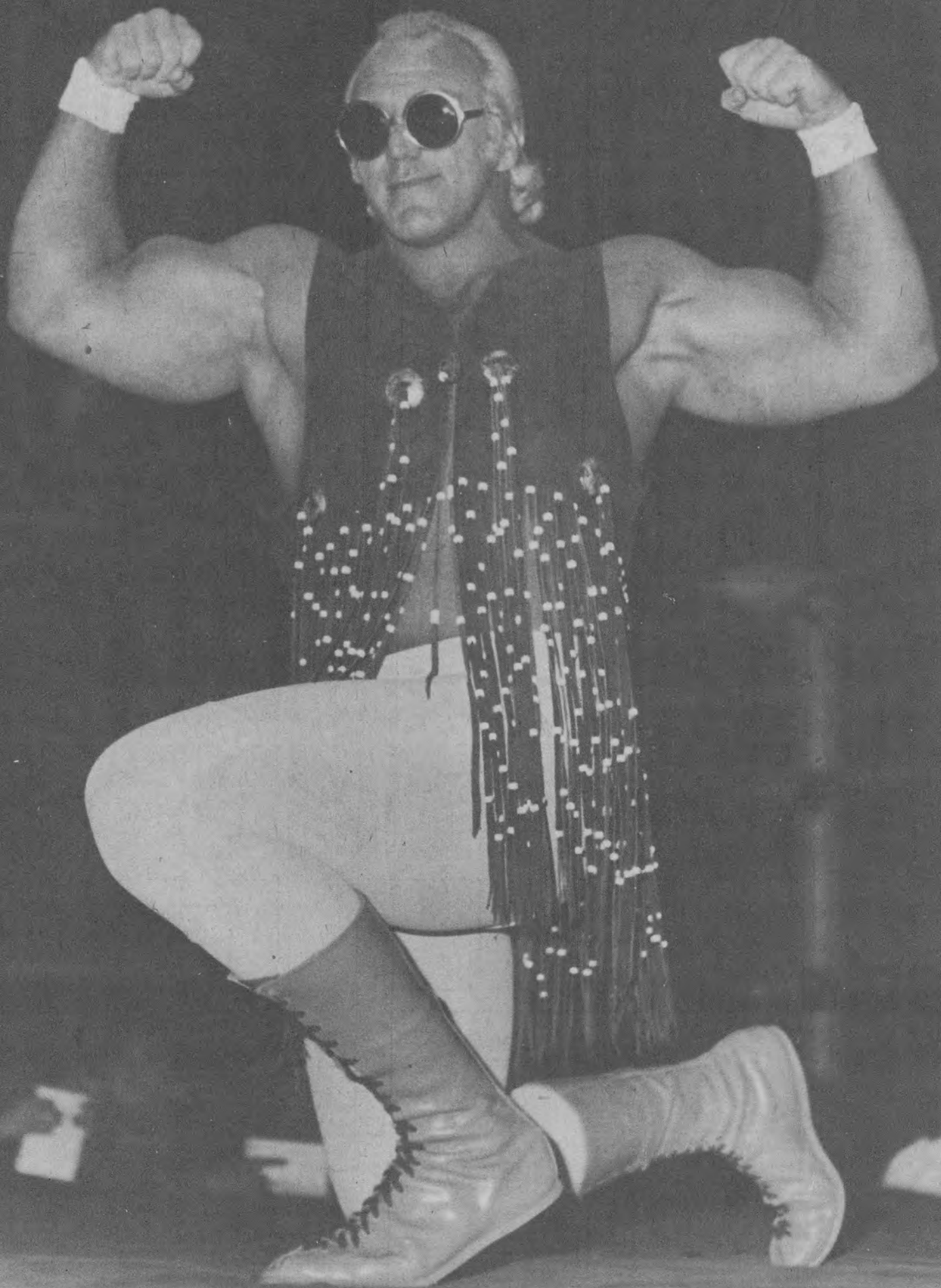
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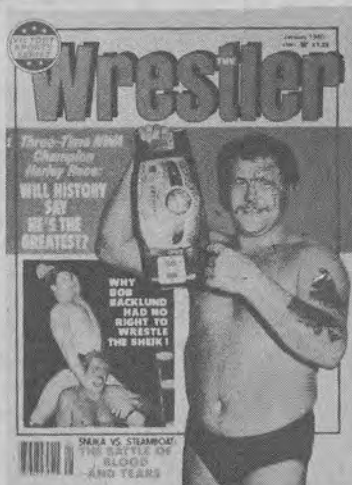
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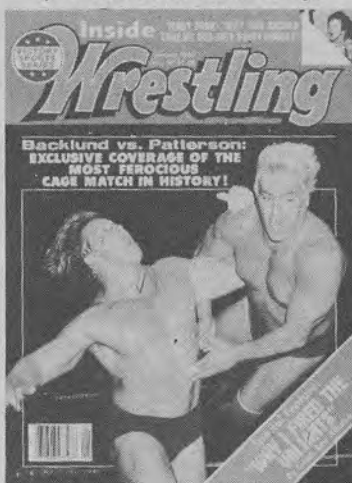


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**Wrestling**—Killer Kowalski, Record of Gene Stanlee, Jack

Flanagan, Joe Louis Story, Promoter Sam Silverman, Cleveland Williams, Boxing Jinxes, Jack Delaney, Ratings, What Makes a Champion, Johnny Risko

**Wrestling**—The Buddy Rogers Story, Fred Atkins, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Mule Kick Marlin, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Matt Kosternich, Rick Starr, Lou Thesz vs. Gene Stanlee **\$30**

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**OCTOBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzonieri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberger, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings

**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds **\$30**

**DECEMBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Marciano kayoes Roland LaStarza (title), Fights of Month, Referee's Problem, Tony Galento and Manager Joe Jacobs, Philadelphia History, Five Best Lightweight Bets, Middleweight History, Battling Siki, Primo Camera Kills Ernie Schaff, Jimmy Slattery, Ratings

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# JANUARY

**1—Dory Funk Jr. retains his NWA title by handing Rufus R. Jones his first St. Louis, Missouri, loss (1972)**

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**4—Lou Thesz makes one of his last title defenses as he retains his NWA belt with a win against Bobo Brazil in Kansas City, Missouri (1966)**

**7—Gene Kiniski wins the NWA title from Thesz in St. Louis, Missouri (1966)**

**8—Dory Funk Jr. retains the NWA title by turning back the challenge of Wahoo McDaniel in front of the largest crowd to ever see a wrestling match in Houston, Texas (1971)**

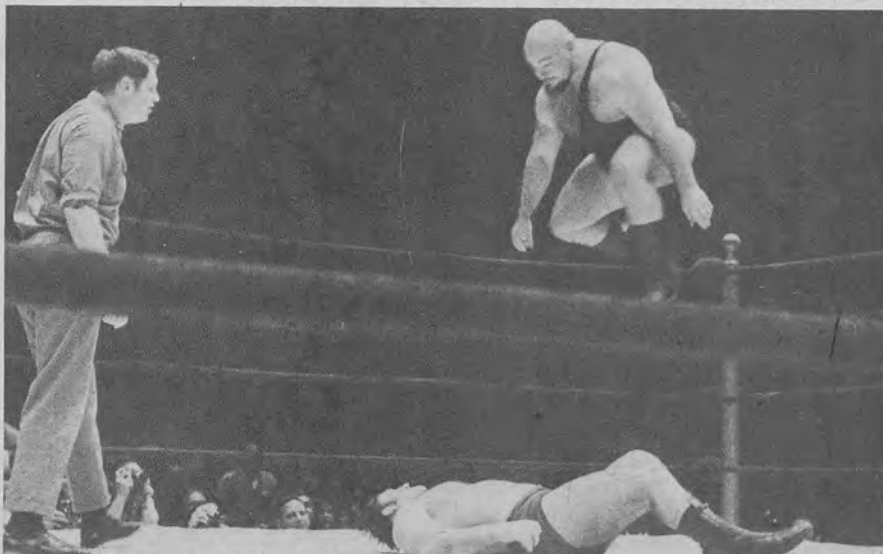
**14—Bruno Sammartino defeats Kenji Shibuya and also captures the annual 22-man battle royal in Los Angeles (1972)**

**16—Wrestling loses one of its all-time greats as Yukon Eric dies in Cartersville, Georgia (1965)**

**18—Bruno Sammartino loses his WWF belt to Ivan Koloff in front of 21,106 in New York's Madison Square Garden (1971)**



*Jack Brisco defeats*



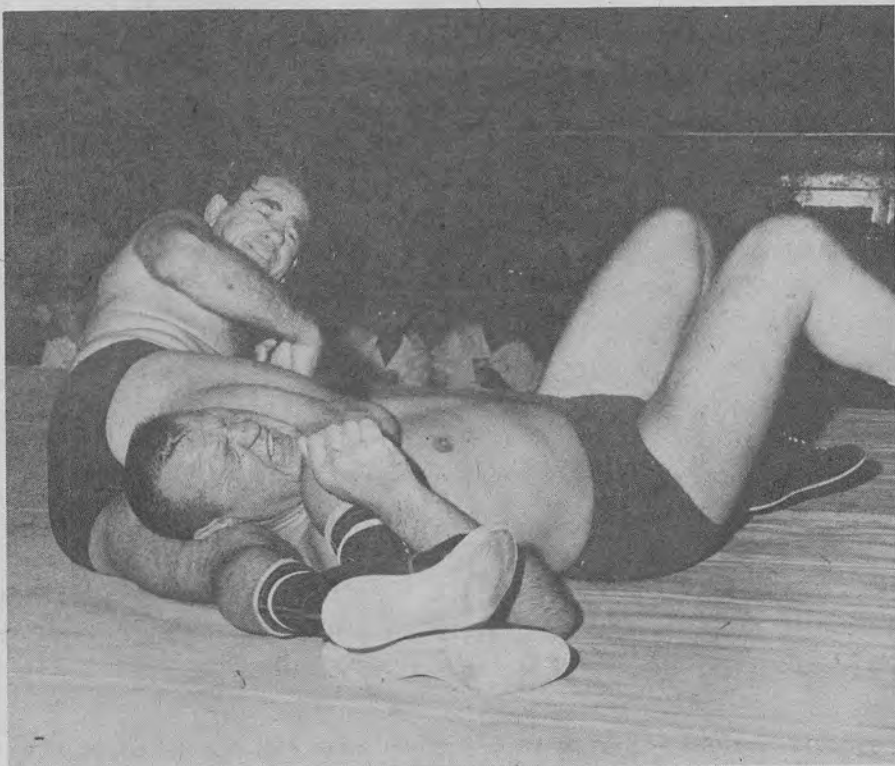
*Ivan Koloff defeats the immortal Bruno Sammartino.*



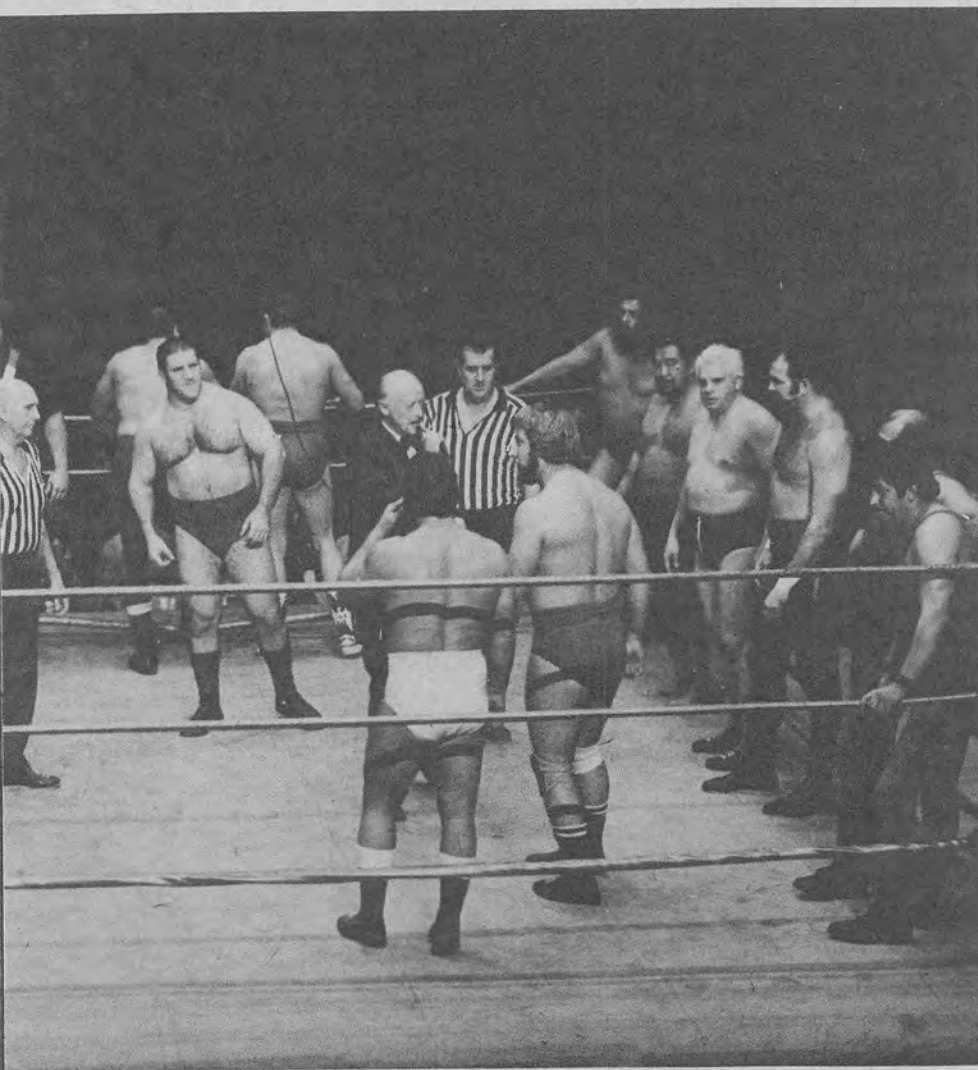




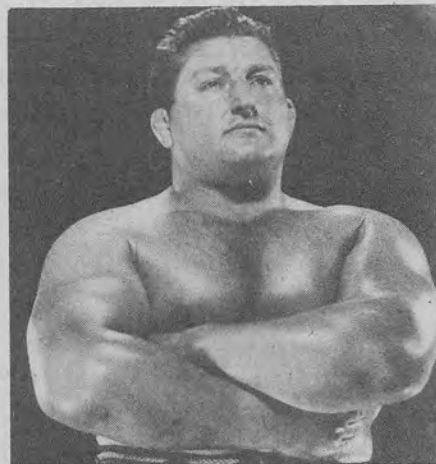
*The Bruiser by disqualification.*



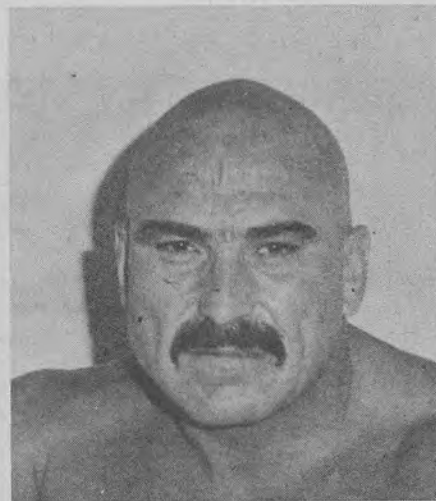
*Gene Kiniski came back to defeat Lou Thesz for the NWA title.*



*Bruno Sammartino (center) disposed of Kenji Shibuya to win the LA battle royal.*



*The late Yukon Eric.*

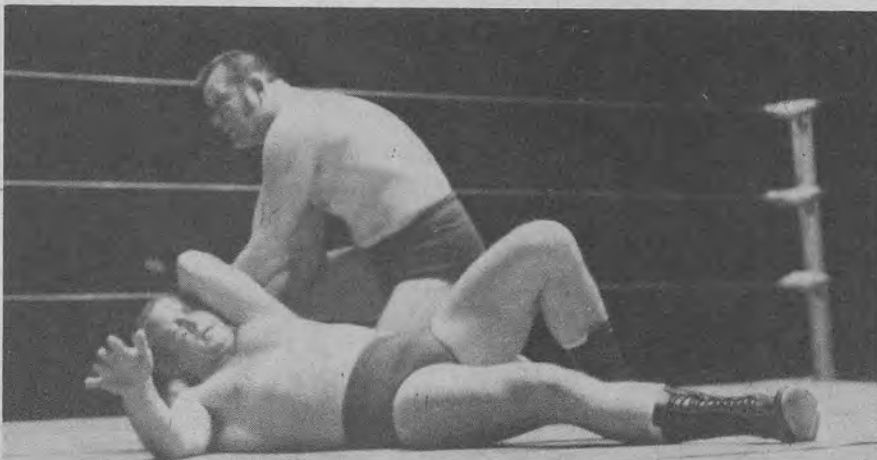
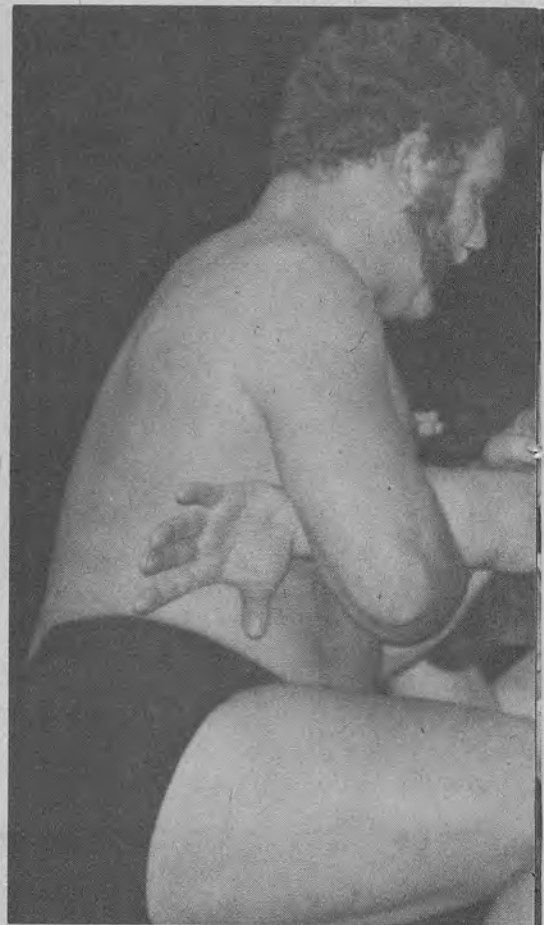


*The Mongolian Stomper.*

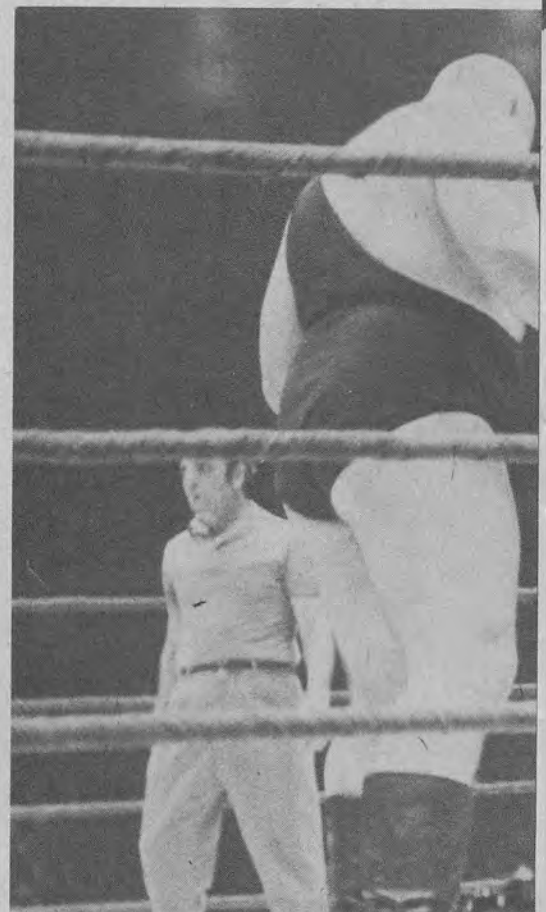
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# FEBRUARY

- 3—Tommy Gilbert wins the 14-man, \$5,000 battle royal in Lubbock, Texas (1978)**
- 4—Texas wrestling fans mourn as Luis Hernandez is buried after dying on a wrestling tour of Japan (1972)**
- 5—AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel heads of the challenge of Chief Jay Strongbow in Toronto (1978)**
- 6—Harley Race wins the NWA belt from Terry Funk while on the same Toronto card The Sheik loses his U.S. belt to Bobo Brazil (1977)**
- 8—Pedro Morales wins the WWF title from Ivan Koloff while 21,812 fans roar their approval in Madison Square Garden (1971)**
- 9—Boris Malenko cheats to a victory over Mil Mascaras in the finals of an elimination tourney to find a successor to Fritz Von Erich's American championship in Fort Worth, Texas (1970)**
- 11—Dory Funk Jr. takes the world title from Gene Kiniski in Tampa, Florida (1969)**
- 16—In a battle of pro football stars, Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Ron Pritchard wins over Cleveland Browns tackle Walter Johnson by disqualification in Cincinnati, Ohio (1974)**
- 18—Despite commission rules outlawing this type of match, female wrestler Bette Boucher climbed into the Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, ring and battled male wrestler Sylvain Richard in a special challenge meeting (1968)**
- 19—In the first wrestling show at the new Madison Square Garden, Bruno Sammartino downs Bull Ramos (1968)**



*Dory Funk Jr. wins NWA title from Gene Kiniski.*

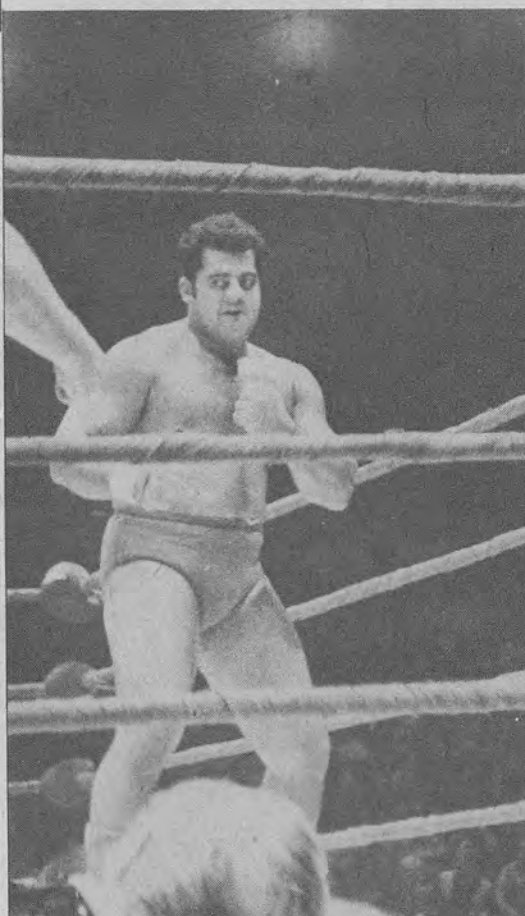


*Pedro Morales is moments from taking*

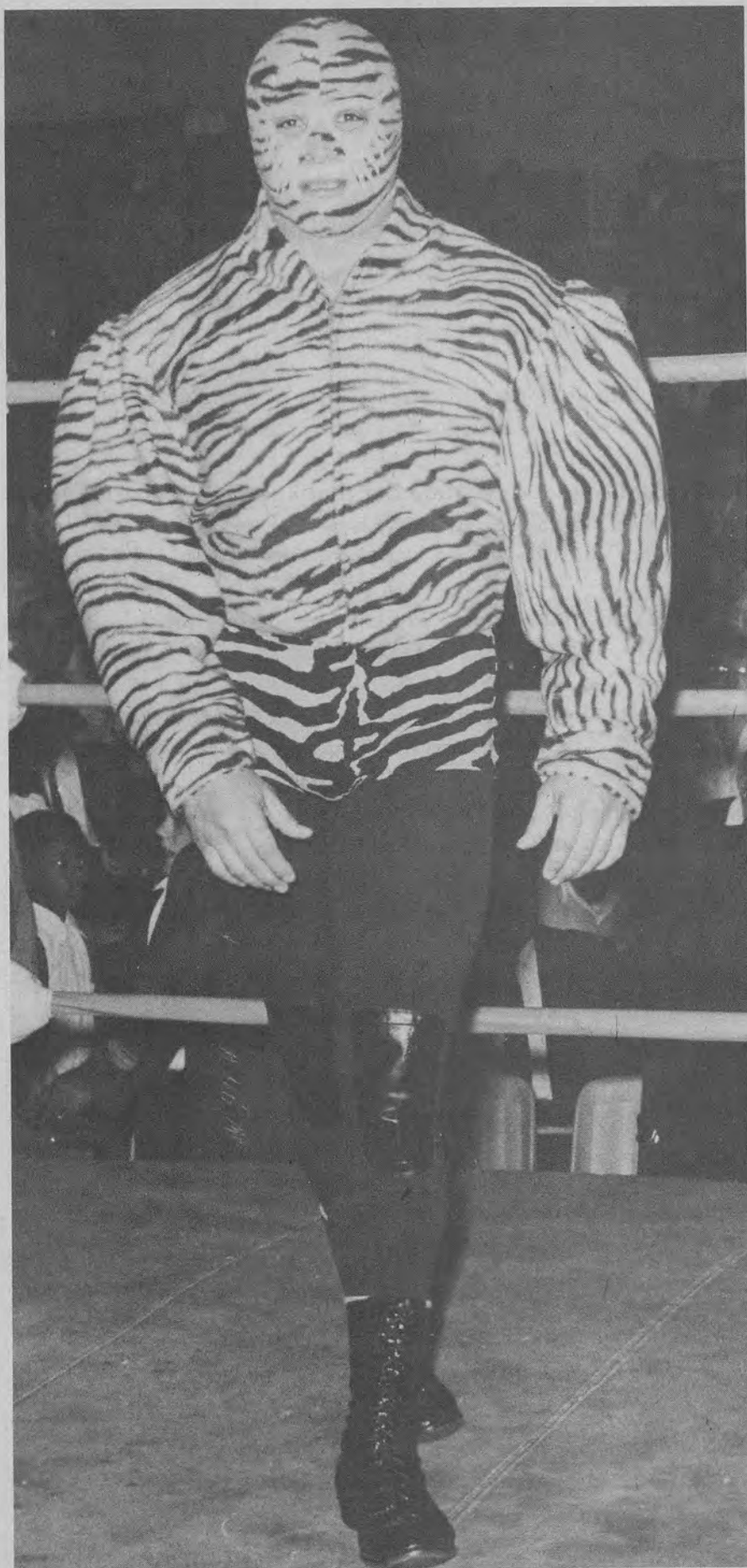




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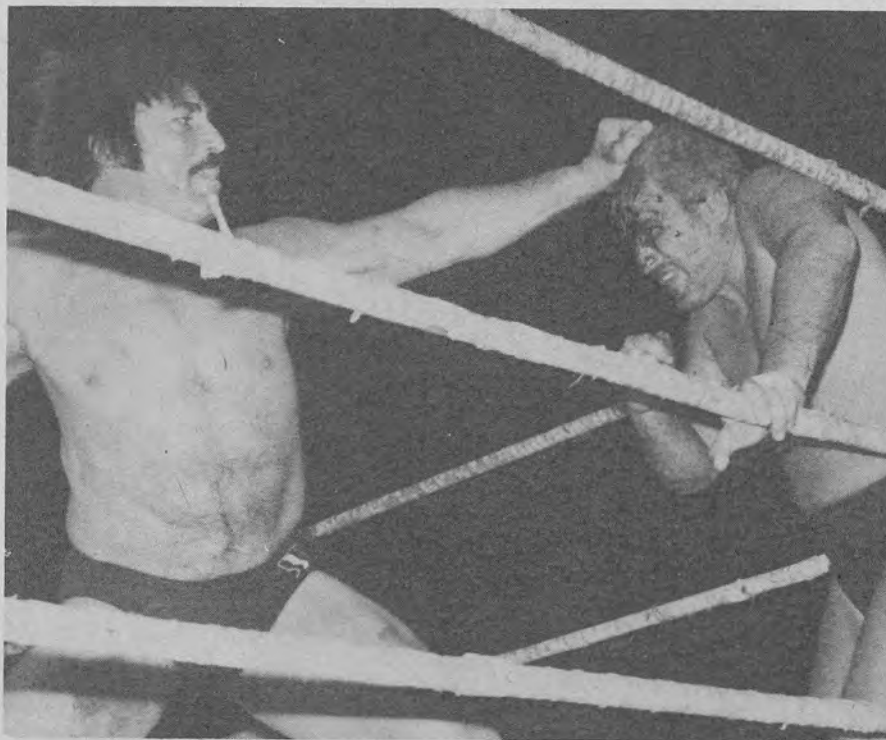


*Mil Mascaras was cheated out of the American championship by Boris Malenko.*

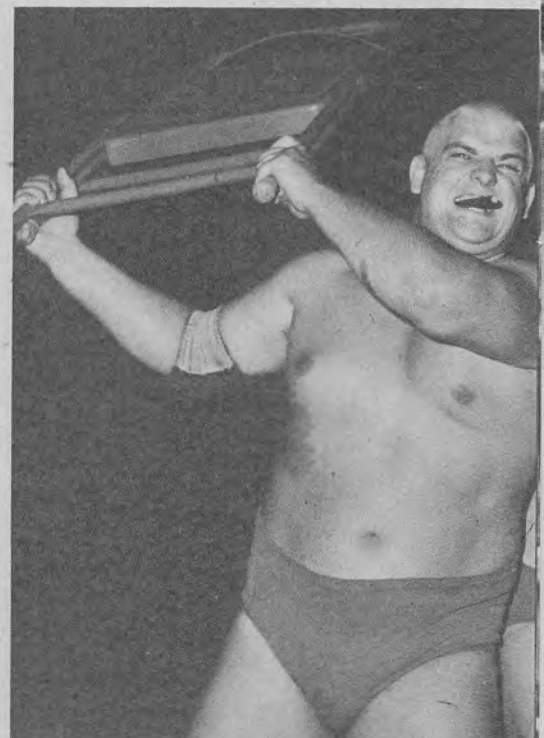
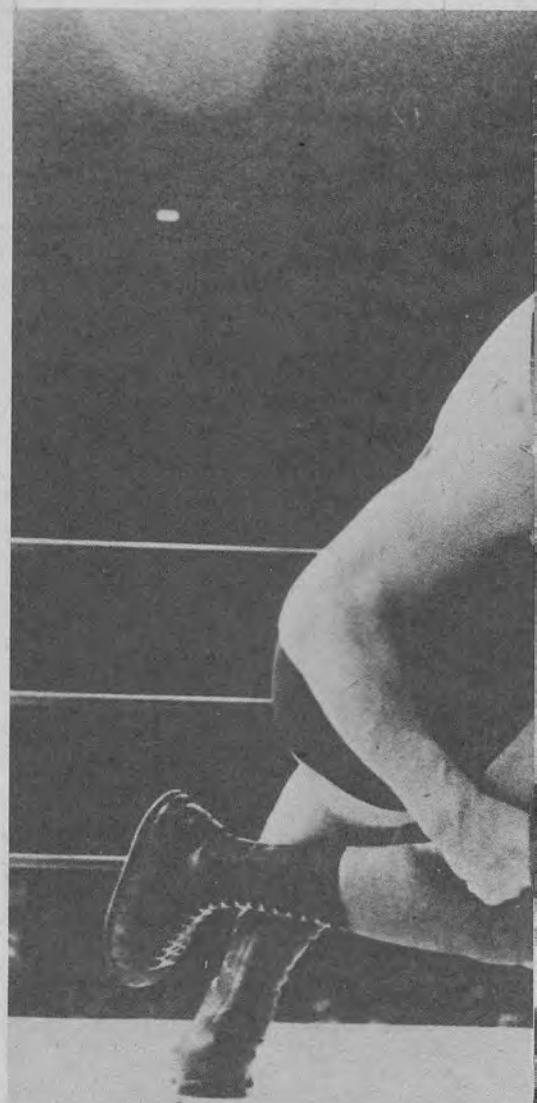
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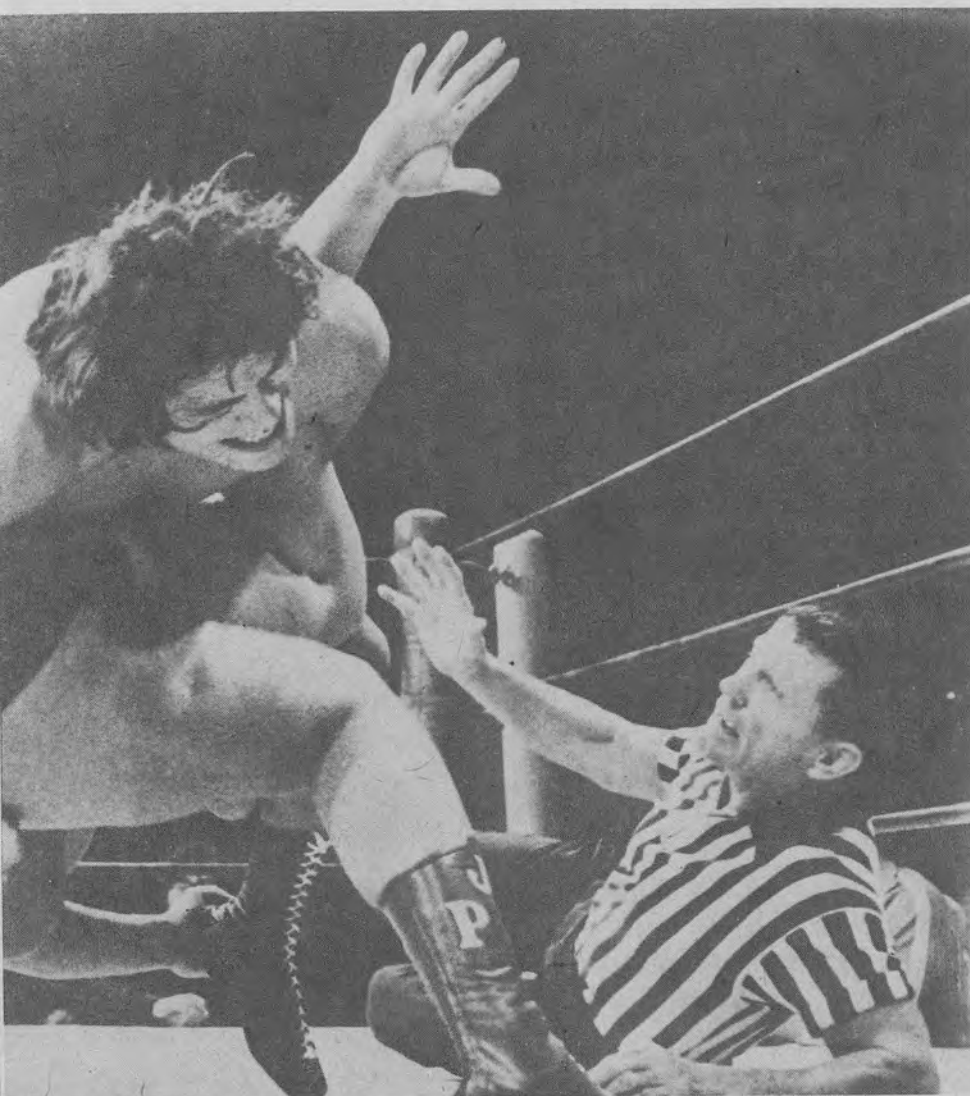
- 2—Tony Marino wins the U.S. title from the Sheik in Detroit, Michigan (1974)**
- 4—Promoter Roy Shire presents his first wrestling card in San Francisco's famed Cow Palace (1961)**
- 5—Veteran great Frank Sexton makes an amazing comeback by stopping Moose Cholak in Buffalo, New York (1965)**
- 6—Peter Maivia, long a great European star, makes his Hawaiian debut in Honolulu (1968)**
- 8—The unlikely duo of Andre the Giant and Bruiser Brodie works well as they stop Siegfried Stanke and Bruiser Bob Sweetan before a near capacity crowd in Kansas City, Kansas (1979)**
- 11—Antonio Inoki makes his U.S. debut in Honolulu, Hawaii (1964)**
- 12—The Outlaws, Dusty Rhodes and Dick Murdoch, win a major tag team tournament in Cleveland (1970)**
- 15—Antonino "Argentina" Rocca, one of wrestling's greatest legends, dies in Roosevelt Hospital in New York City (1977)**
- 16—Gene Kiniski wins the Missouri State championship from Terry Funk in St. Louis (1973)**



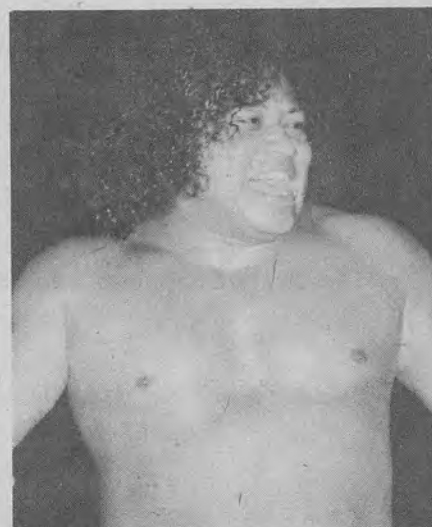
*Tony Marino batters The Sheik.*







*Antonio Inoki in his American debut.*



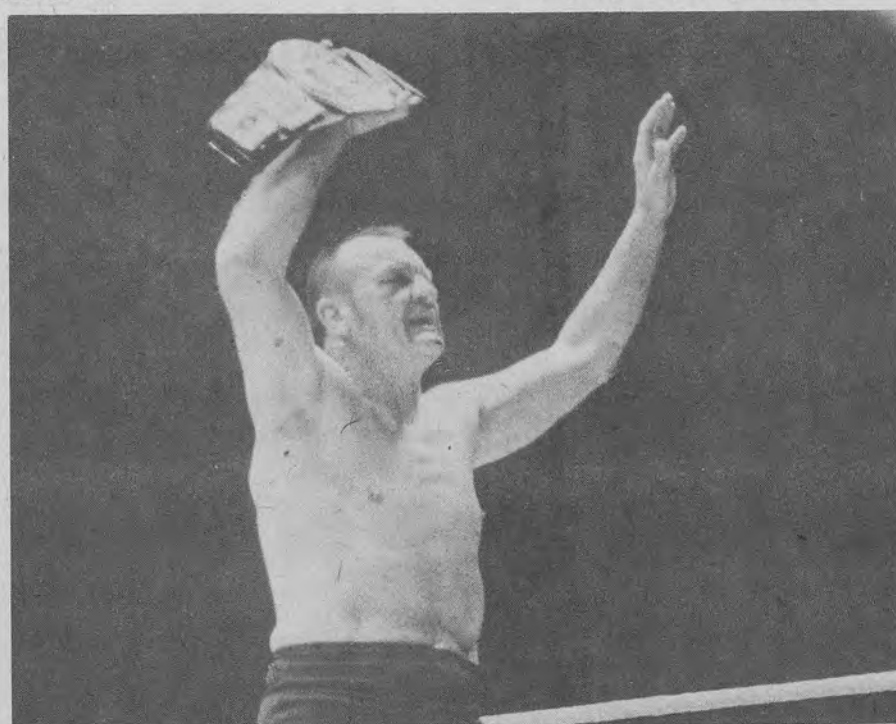
*Samoan great Peter Maivia.*



*The late Antonino Rocca.*



*Rhodes and Murdoch—The Outlaws.*



*Gene Kiniski proudly displays his newly-won Missouri State belt.*

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# APRIL

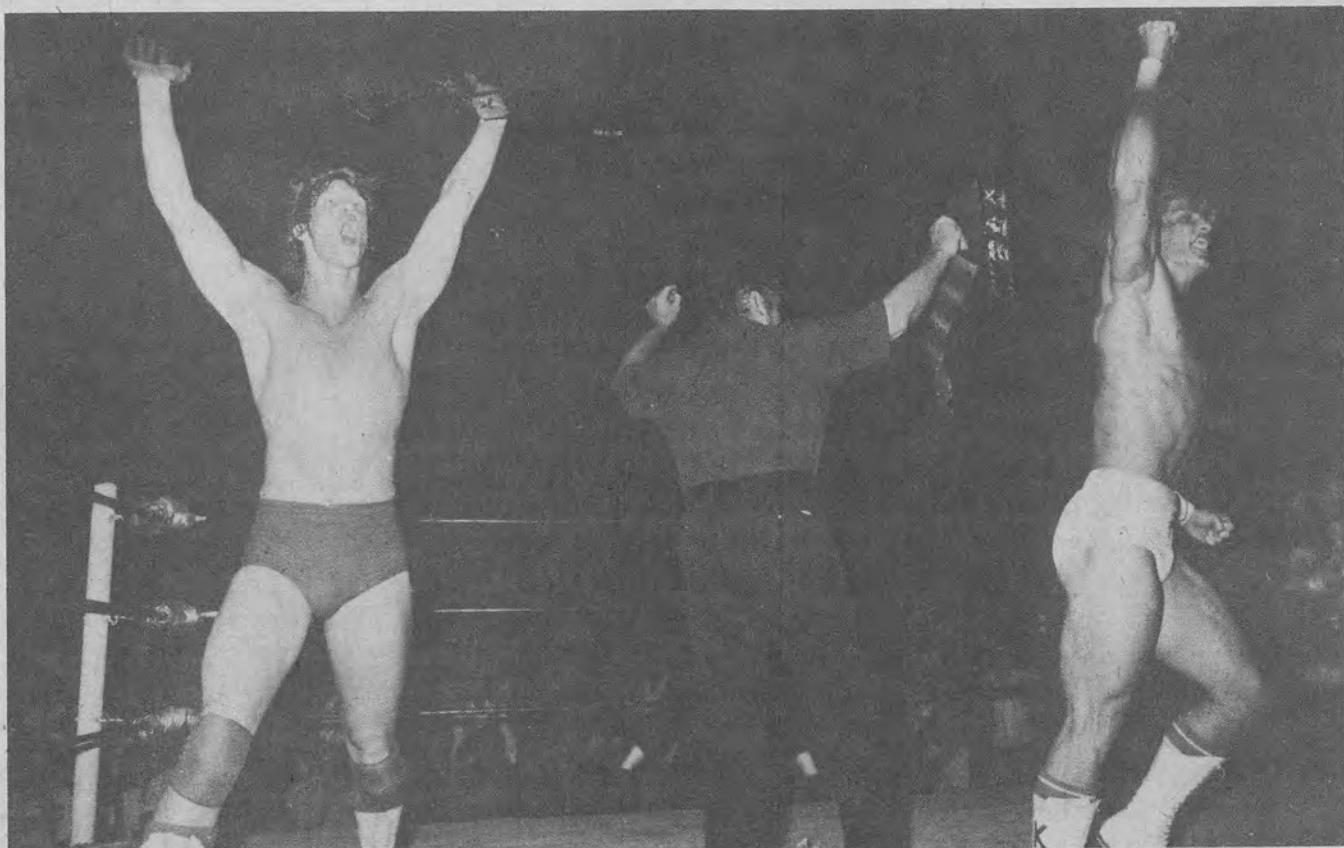
- 6—Bruiser Bob Sweetan & Alexi Smirnoff win one night Central States Tag Team Tournament in Kansas City, Kansas; sold out and about 1,000 fans turned away (1978).**
- 7—The Sheik beats and unmask The Crusader in Toronto, Ont., Canada (1974).**
- 8—Buddy Wolff wins Midwest Heavyweight Title from Stan Pulaski in Omaha, Nebraska (1972).**
- 9—Wild Bull Curry gets to give Killer Joe Christie a bath in the ring as a reward for winning grudge match in Fort Worth, Texas (1962).**
- 11—Johnny Powers KO's Sonny King in 8th round of wrestlers' boxing match in Cleveland, Ohio (1974).**
- 14—Ted DiBiase wins Battle Royal and same night beats The Spoiler, all in Kansas City, Kansas (1977).**
- 16—Johnny & Greg Valentine agreed to split a \$5,000 purse as co-winners of a 10-man Wrestle Royal in St. Louis, Missouri, and the same night the Valentines won a tag team match in straight falls there (one by DQ) over Von Raschke & Big Bill Miller (1971).**
- 17—The youngest-ever Texas tag team champions are crowned as Kevin & David Von Erich dethrone Killer Tim Brooks & Leroy Brown in Fort Worth, Texas (1978).**
- 19—The three Funks—Dory, Sr. and sons, Dory Jr. and Terry—turn in one of their best victories together beating The Crusher, The Bruiser and Moose Cholak in St. Louis, Missouri (1968).**
- 20—Eddie Gilbert makes his debut by defeating Jerry Bryant in Huntington, Tennessee (1979).**
- 22—Kentuckian Luke Brown loses his hair for losing match to Bob Orton (who had risked leaving town) in Omaha, Nebraska (1967).**



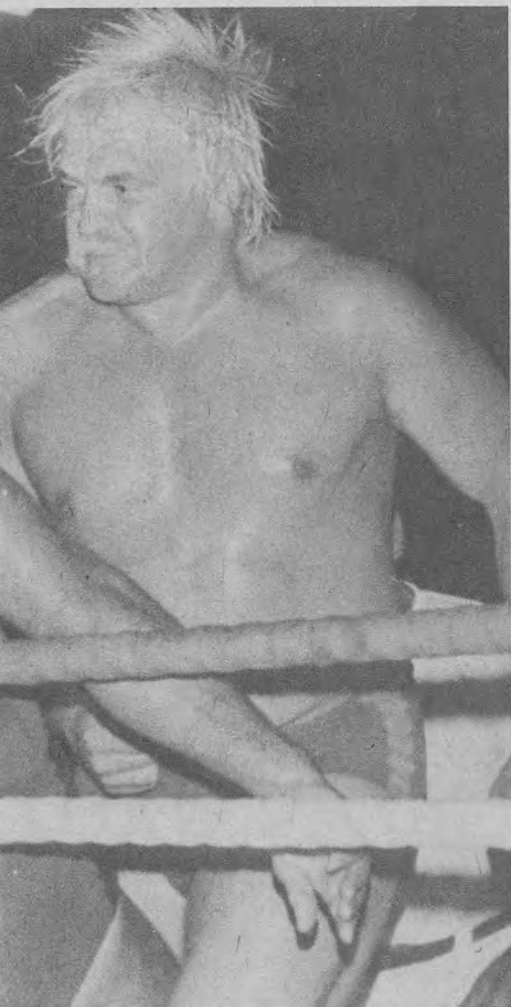
Sonny King



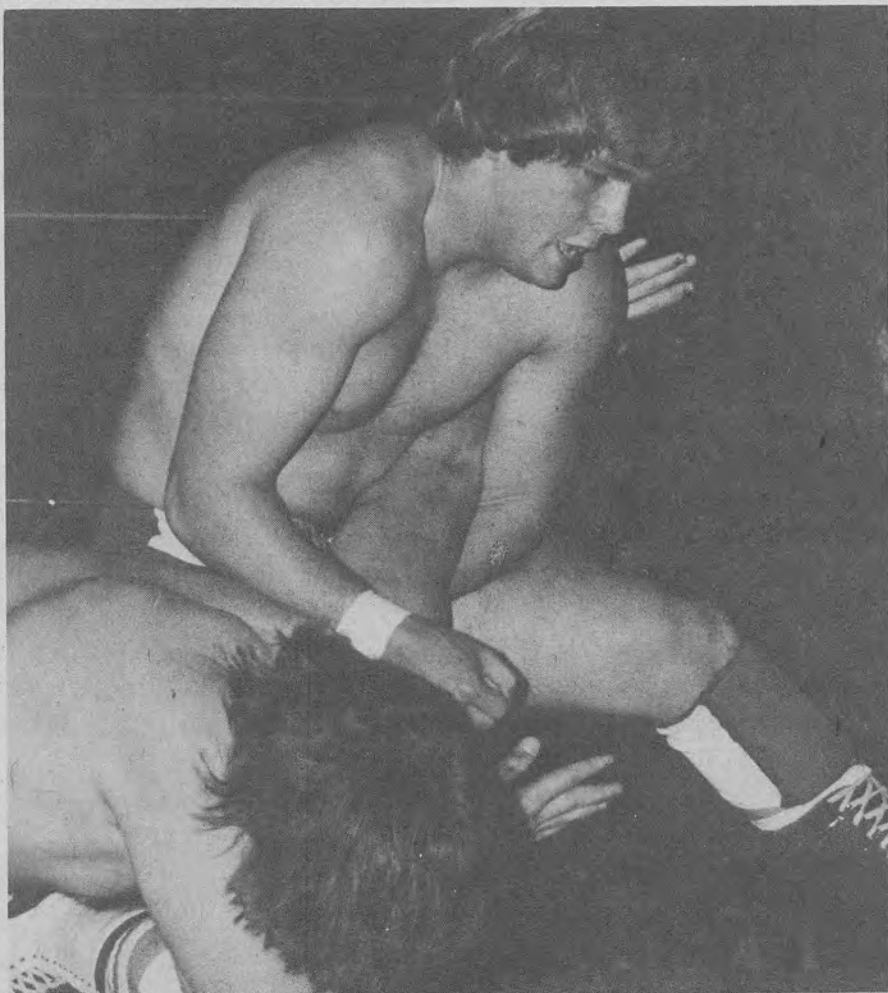




*The Von Erichs win the Texas tag team belts*



*Wolff takes Pulaski's Midwest title*

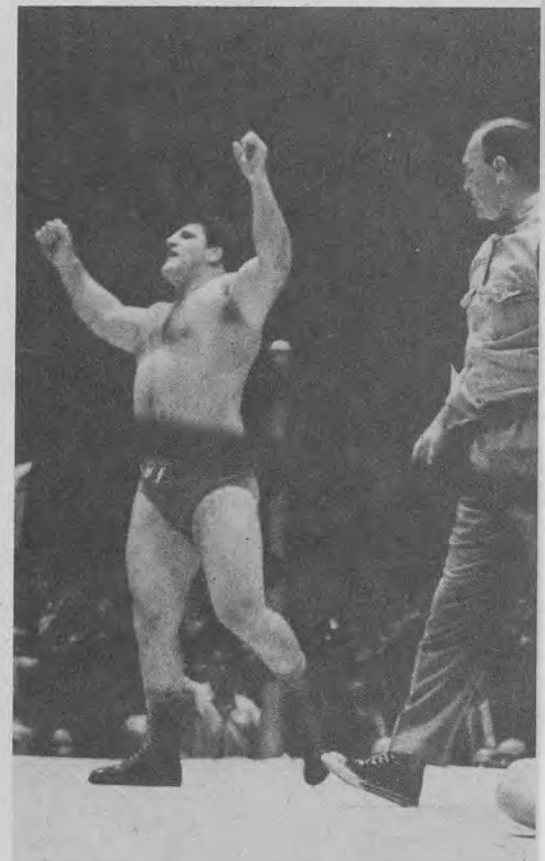
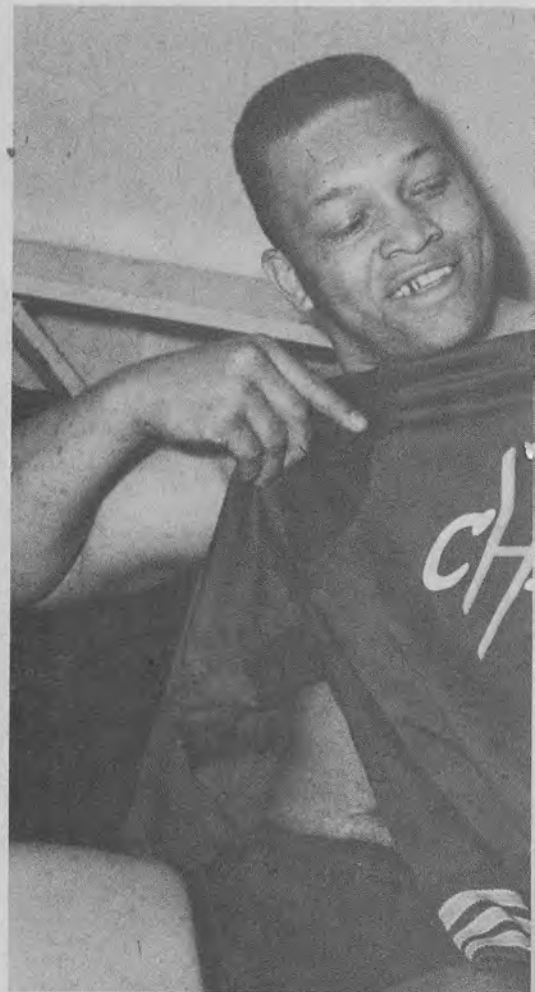


*Eddie Gilbert makes his wrestling debut*

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# MAY

- 2—Buddy (Killer) Austin wins Texas Heavyweight Championship in one night tournament in Dallas, Texas, beating Paul DeMarco in the finals (1967).**
- 4—Whipper Billy Watson earned the right to have Gorgeous George's valet, Cherie Dupre, lose all her hair after Whipper beat George but in an act of mercy called the deal off in Toronto, Ontario, Canada match (1961).**
- 6—An outstanding pair of matches in St. Paul, Minnesota saw Danny Hodge go to a draw with Verne Gagne while in tag action. Lou Thesz and The Crusher battled to a no contest against Larry Hennig and Harley Race (1967).**
- 7—Ernie Ladd announces his retirement from pro football in Indianapolis, Indiana where he wrestled (1966).**
- 10—One of the greatest cards ever held in Buffalo, New York featured Lou Thesz against Argentina Rocca in the main event (1963).**
- 14—Jerry Lawler sends Jimmy Golden packing in a loser-leaves-Memphis, Tennessee bout (1979).**
- 15—Dick "Bulldog" Brower turns hero in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, coming to the rescue of former arch rival Whipper Billy Watson who was being double-teamed by The Masked Yankees (1966).**
- 16—Ernie Ladd & Hans Schmidt were the heroes in a Rochester, New York brawl which they won over tag team opponents Waldo Von Erich & Luke Graham (1972).**
- 17—Bruno Sammartino beats Nature Boy Buddy Rogers in just 48 seconds in New York City. New York's Madison Square Garden to capture the WWF title (1963).**
- 18—Lou Thesz pins Luke Graham in his "Farewell to Wrestling" night at the Omni in Atlanta, Georgia (1979); he and promoter Paul Jones receive honors in the ring.**
- 20—Nature Boy Buddy Rogers beats Sonny King in a wrestler (Rogers) vs. boxer bout in Orlando, Florida (1979).**



*Bruno takes the WWF title from Rogers*





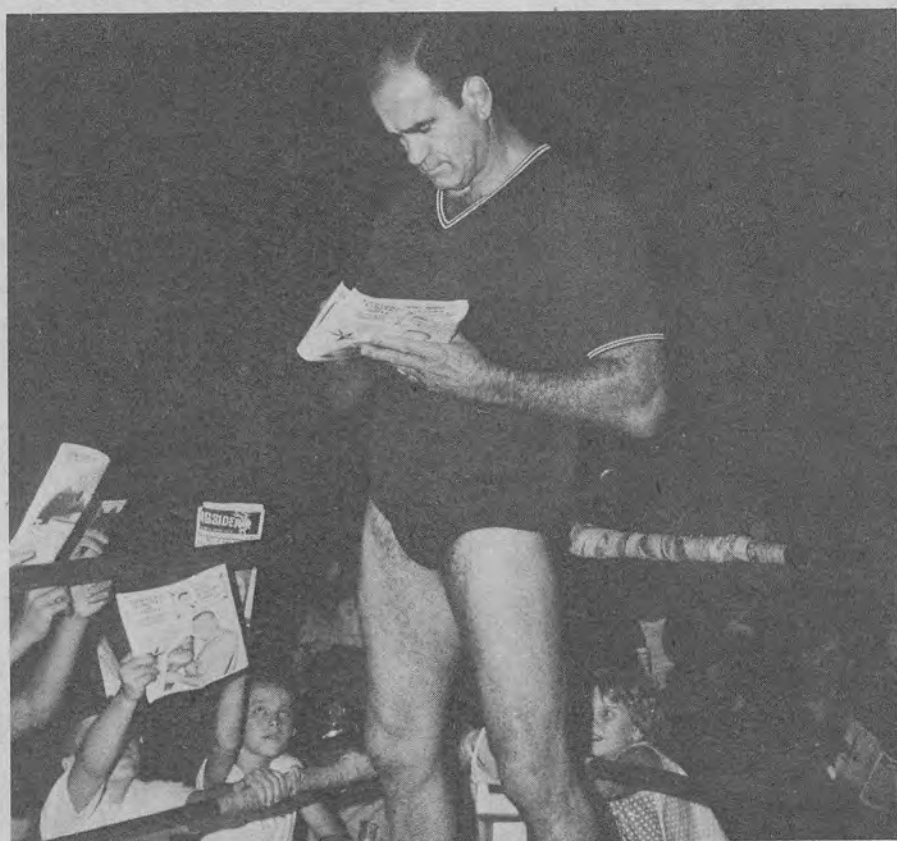
*Ernie Ladd leaves football for wrestling*



*Buddy "Killer" Austin*



*Gorgeous George*



*Lou Thesz leaves wrestling in style*

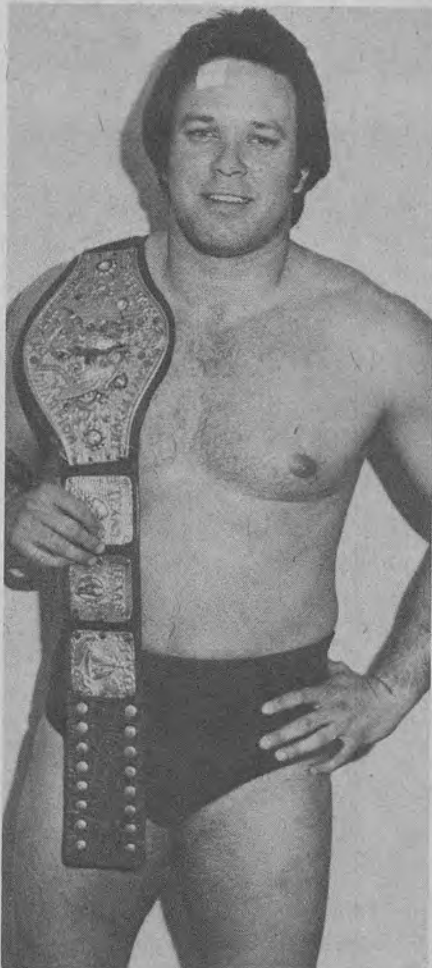
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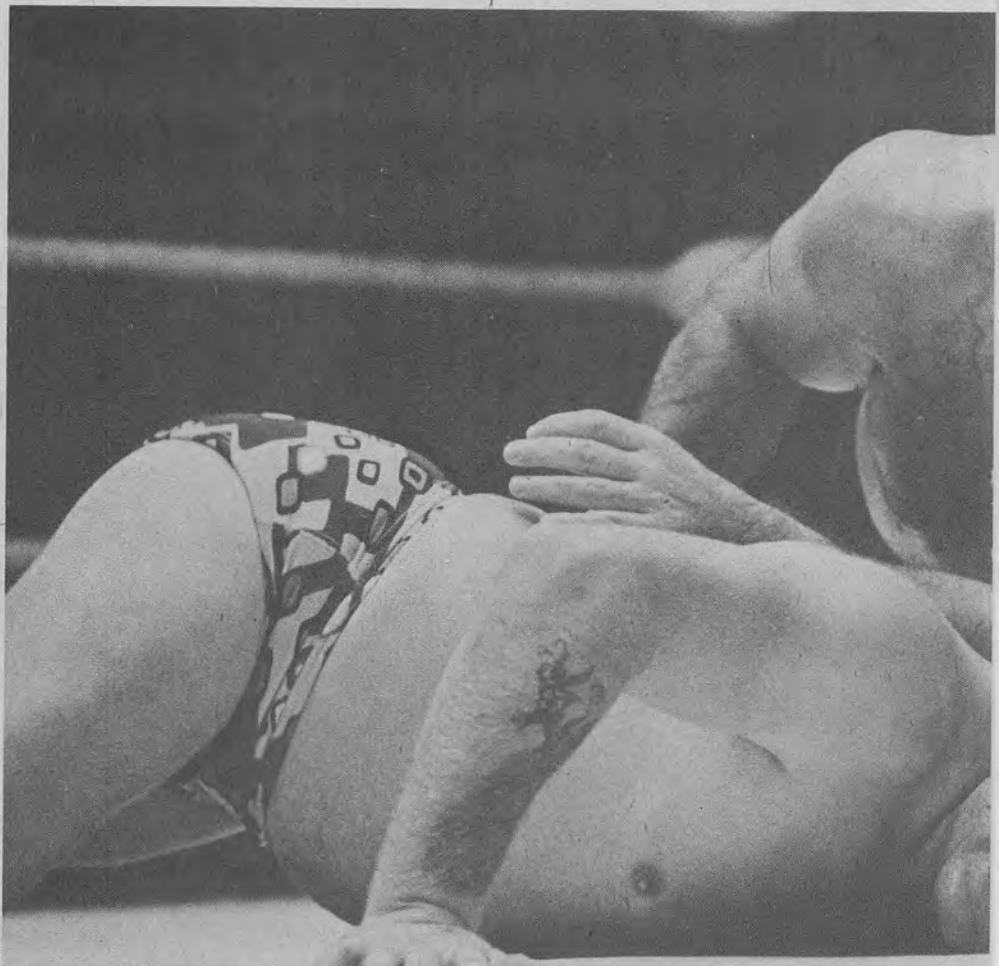
- 1**—According to the Montreal clip, Andre the Giant made his Canadian debut at Verdun in Quebec, Canada there on this day **(1971)**.
- 3**—Dory Funk Sr. passed away at age 54 in Amarillo, Texas **(1973)**.
- 4**—Scott Casey wins Western States Heavyweight Title from Jerry Brisco in Lubbock, Texas **(1976)**.
- 6**—Former arch rivals Verne Gagne and Mad Dog Vachon win AWA World Tag Team Title from Ray Stevens and Pat Patterson in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada **(1979)**.
- 13**—Bob Geigel, Rufus R. Jones take midget Little Louie as their partner and defeat The Interns and their manager Dr. Ken Ramey in Kansas City, Kansas **(1974)**.
- 15**—Harley Race retains World Title by holding challenger Bruno Sammartino to a 60 minute draw in St. Louis, Missouri **(1973)**.



*Andre debuts in Montreal, Canada*

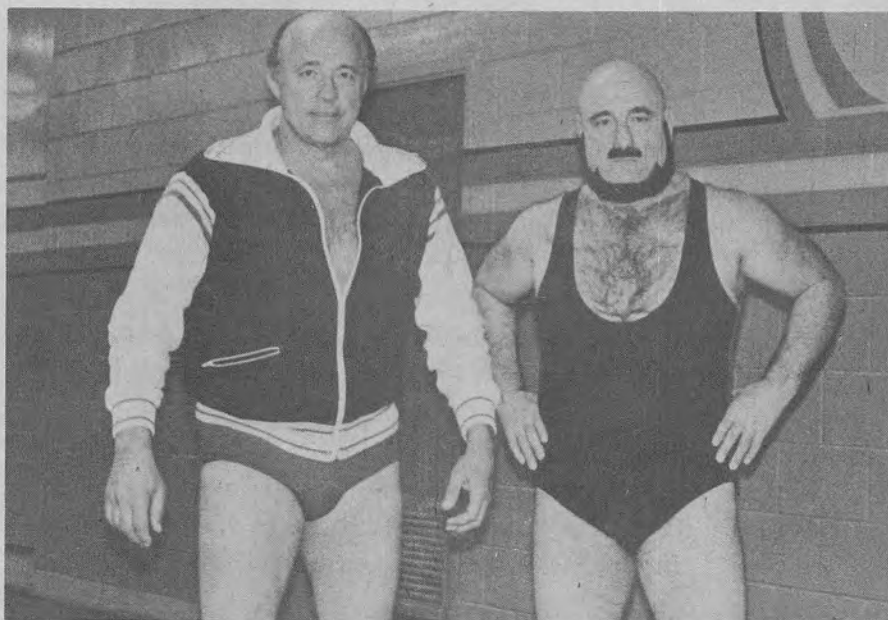


*Western champion Scott Casey*

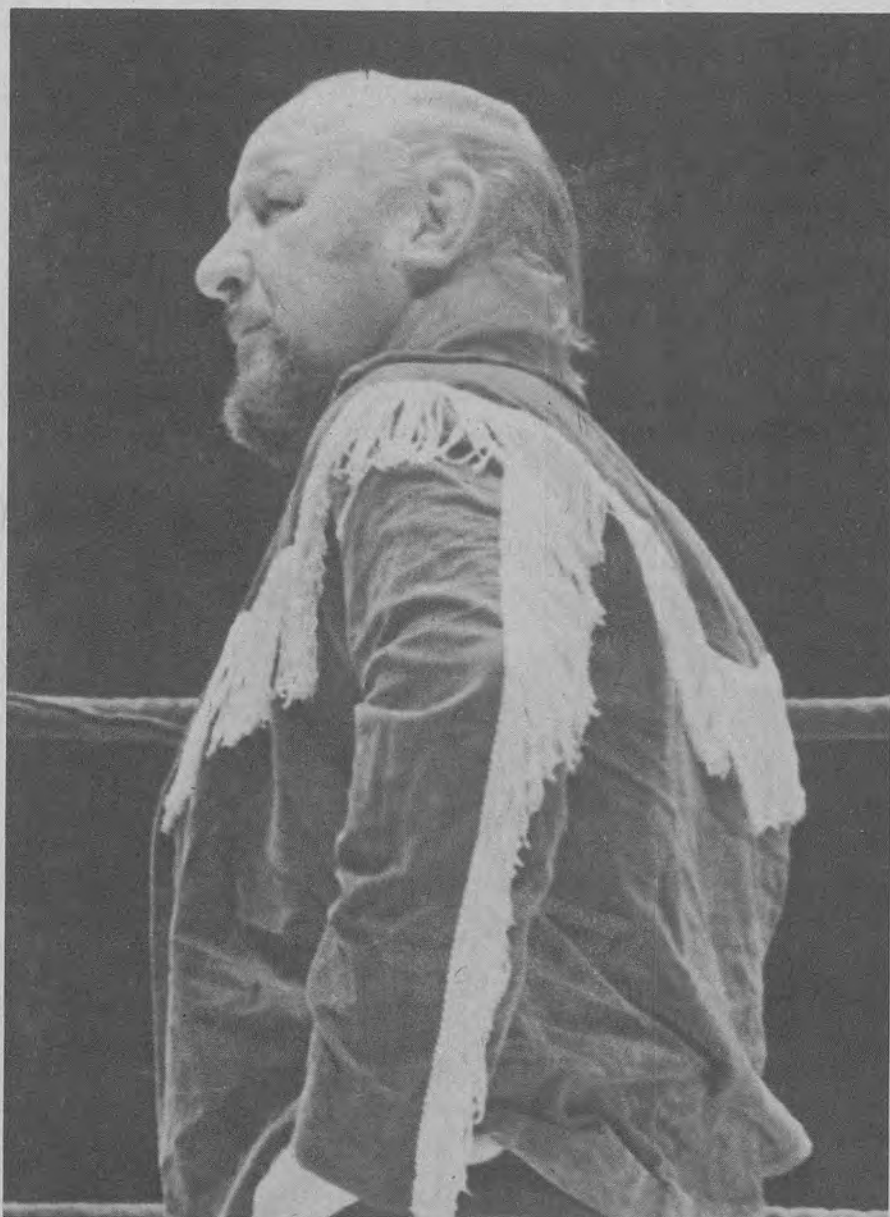


*Harley Race vs. Bruno Sammartino*





*Former enemies Gagne and Vachon team*



*Dory Funk Sr.*

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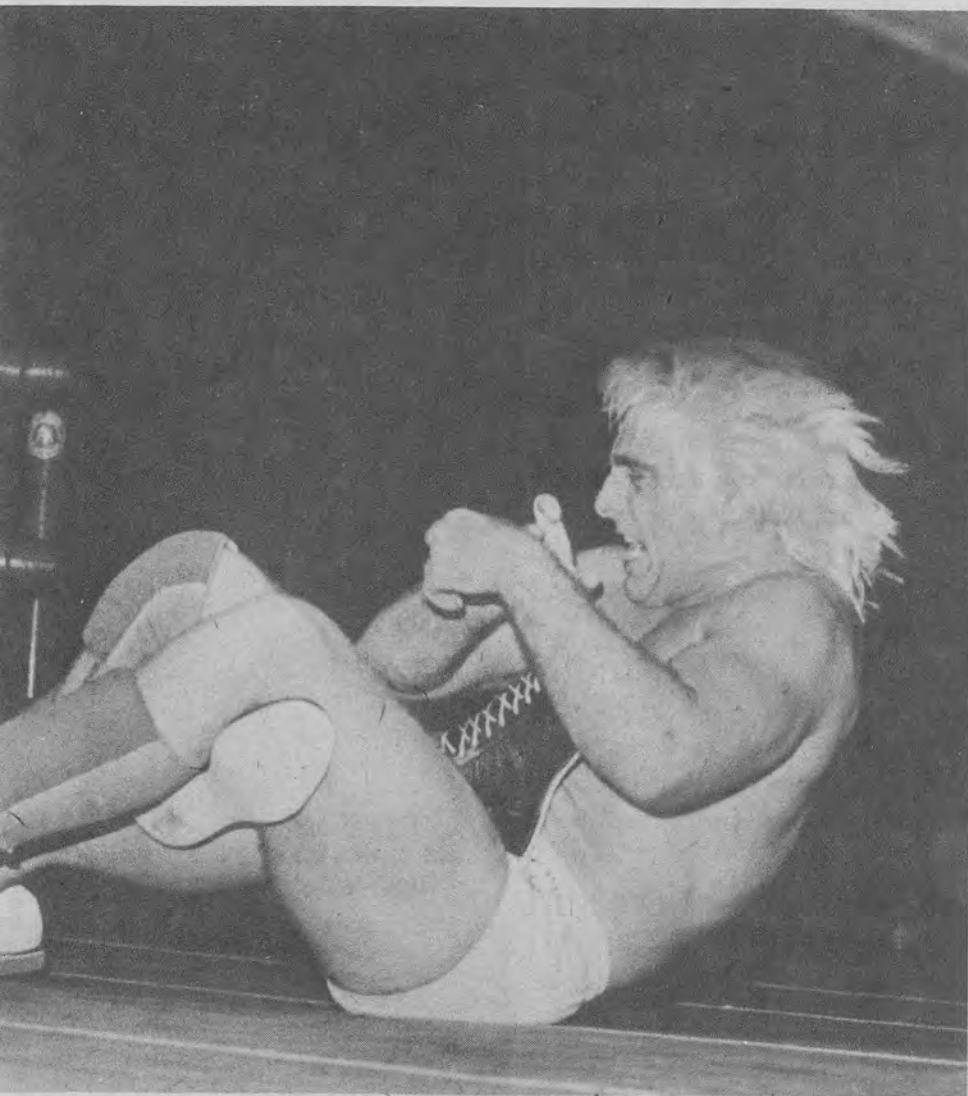
# JULY

- 1**—The Fabulous Moolah whips Vicki Williams before 19,512 fans in the first match ever between lady wrestlers in New York State, held in New York City's Madison Square Garden (1972).
- 2**—Iron Mike DiBiase collapses in the Lubbock, Texas ring while wrestling Man Mountain Mike and dies at age 45 (1969).
- 8**—Ric Flair—the "Nature Boy" of the 1970s—uses a figure four leglock to gain the win over Buddy Rogers—the original "Nature Boy" of wrestling world fame in earlier decades—in Greensboro, North Carolina (1979).
- 14**—Billy McGuire dies in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (1979).
- 17**—The Rougeau family was spotlighted in a card in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, which set an outdoor record for both attendance (26,237) and gate (\$101,650.00), as Johnny went to a "no contest" with Abdullah the Butcher. Jacques upset The Sheik and Raymond downed Don Serrano (1972).
- 20**—Jack Brisco wins World Title from Harley Race in Houston, Texas (1973).
- 23**—Eddie Gilbert is named "Rookie of the Year" at the Wrestling Fans International Association Convention in Memphis, Tennessee (1979).



*The Rougeaus: Raymond, Johnny and Jacques.*





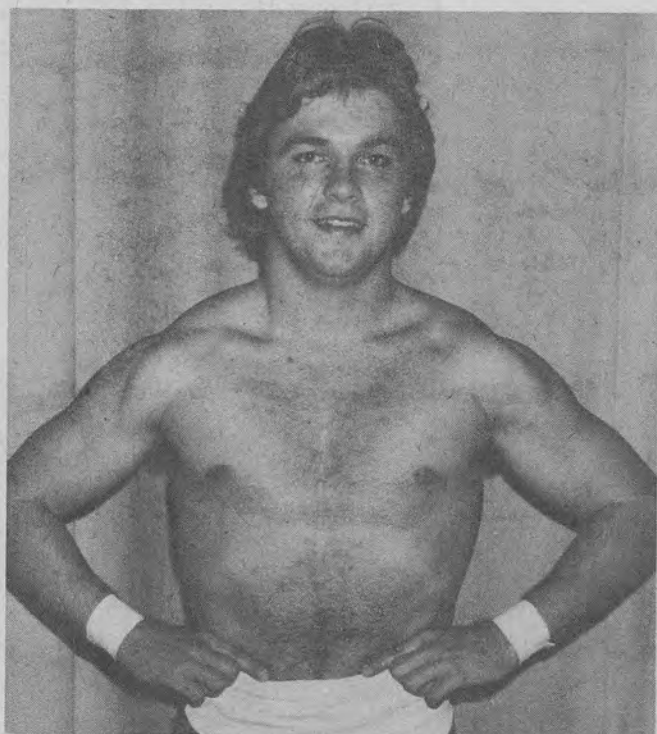
*Ric Flair figure-fours Buddy Rogers.*



*Iron Mike DiBiase*



*Fabulous Moolah*



*Rookie of the Year Eddie Gilbert.*



*Billy and Benny McGuire*

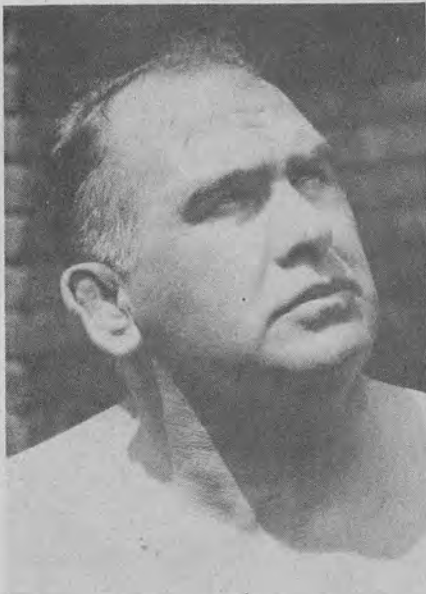
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# AUGUST

- 1—Gino Hernandez makes his pro debut in Houston, Texas (1975).**
- 2—Bruno Sammartino is awarded NWA title after beating an injured Nature Boy Buddy Rogers in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, before 14,000, but refuses to accept the championship under the conditions (Rogers being hurt) (1962).**
- 3—Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson win a tag team elimination in Tampa, Florida, beating Eddie Graham & Sam Steamboat, and Hiro Matsuda & Duke Keomuka (1965).**
- 7—Ed (Strangler) Lewis dies at age 76 in Muskogee, Oklahoma (1966).**
- 9—Dr. Sam Sheppard, who spent nearly 10 years of a life sentence in Ohio State Penitentiary for the murder of his wife (sentence later overturned), makes pro wrestling debut in Waverly, Ohio (1969); his case drew national attention.**
- 10—Kevin Von Erich makes his official pro debut by beating Paul Pershmann in Dallas, Texas (1976).**
- 12—Dick Slater wins Missouri Title from Jack Brisco in St. Louis (1977).**
- 14—Eddie Gilbert is born in Lexington, Tennessee (1961).**
- 18—Jerry Lawler turns against tag partner Eddie Gilbert in Jonesboro, Arkansas match against Pete Austin & Sonny King (1979).**



*Gino Hernandez's debut*



*Ed (Strangler) Lewis*



*Jack Brisco vs. Dick Slater*

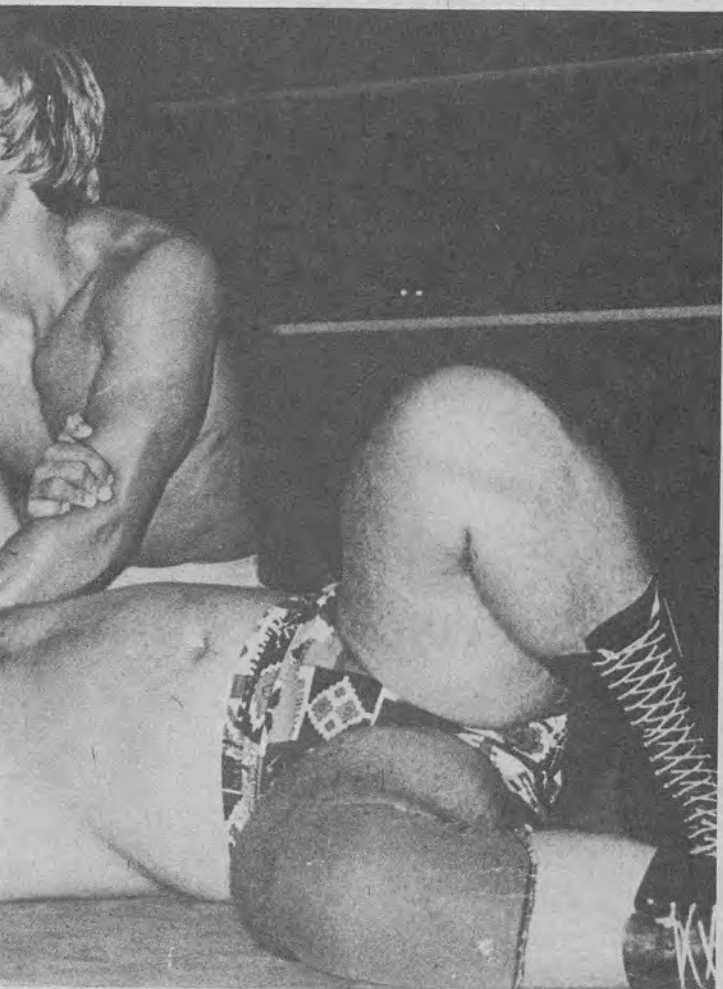


*Kevin Von Erich's pro debut*

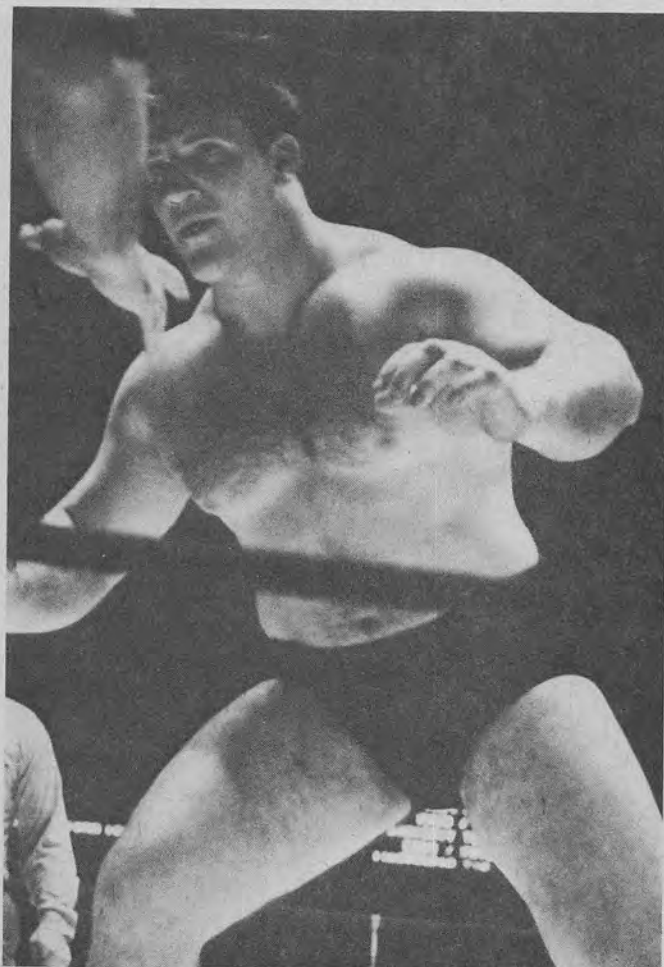




*Swede Hanson and Rip Hawk win a tag team tournament.*



*...against Paul Pershmann is a successful one.*



*Bruno Sammartino won—but refused to accept—the NWA title.*

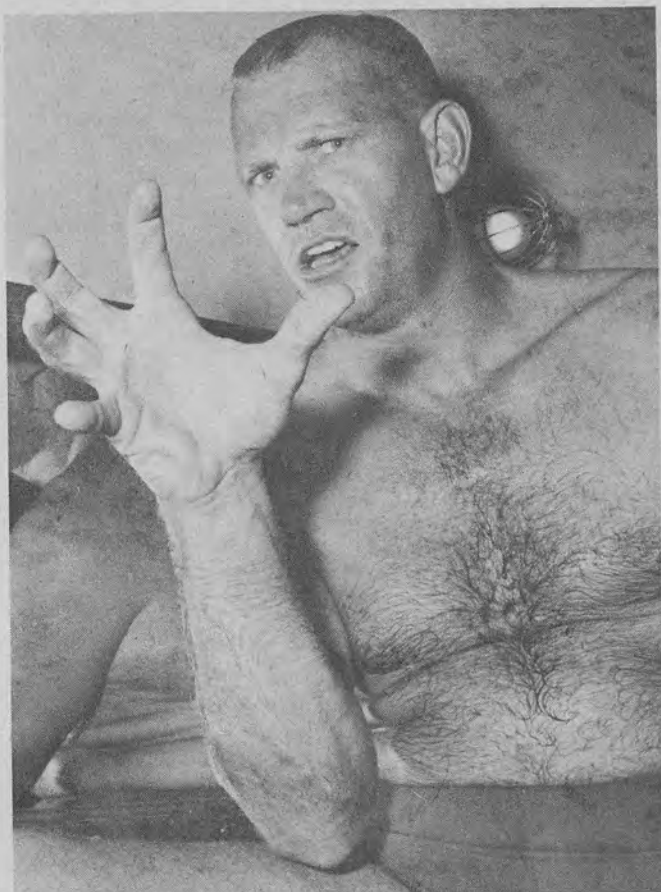
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# SEPTEMBER

- 1**—Jimmy Snuka wins one night tournament for vacant U.S. title, upsetting Rick Steamboat, Jim Brunzell and Tim Woods in Charlotte, North Carolina **(1979)**.
- 6**—A turnaway Madison Square Garden crowd sees Bruno Sammartino win a historic handicap main event over Bugsy McGraw and Lou Albano in New York City, N.Y.; attendance was 20,092 **(1975)**.
- 9**—Dewey Robertson wins the vacant Canadian Heavyweight Championship in a one night tournament in Toronto, Ontario, beating Ken Patera, Gene Kiniski and Greg Valentine **(1979)**.
- 16**—Fritz Von Erich wins handicap match over Dory Sr. and Terry Funk in St. Louis, Missouri **(1966)**.
- 23**—Stanislaus Zbyszko died at age 88 in St. Joseph, Missouri **(1967)**.
- 30**—Bruno Sammartino and Pedro Morales go to a curfew draw in Shea Stadium, New York, N.Y., before 22,508 in "Wrestling Match of the Century" **(1972)**.



*The villainous Jimmy Snuka won the*



*Fritz Von Erich had his palm read by many wrestlers.*

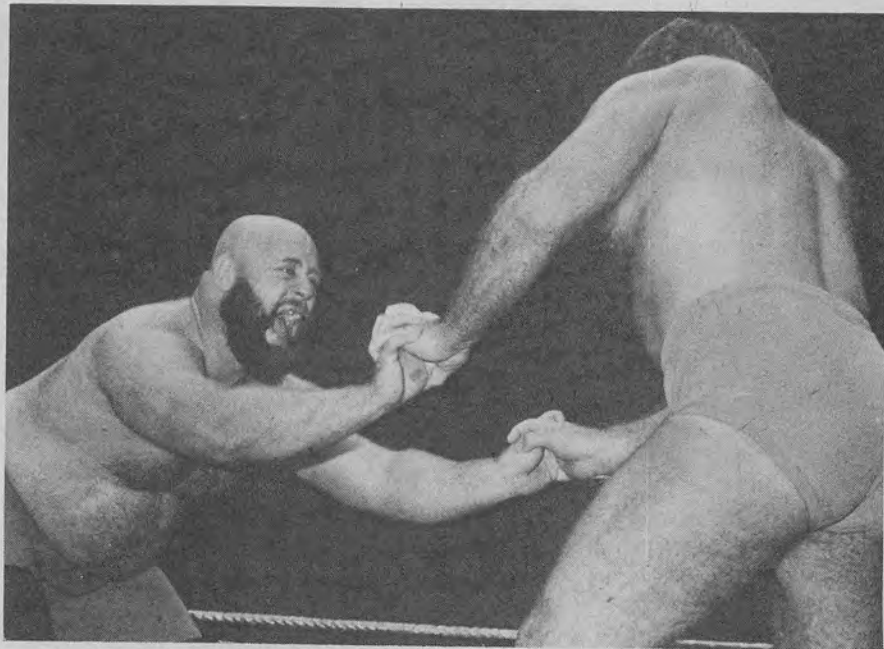


*Sammartino and Morales wrestled to a memorable draw.*

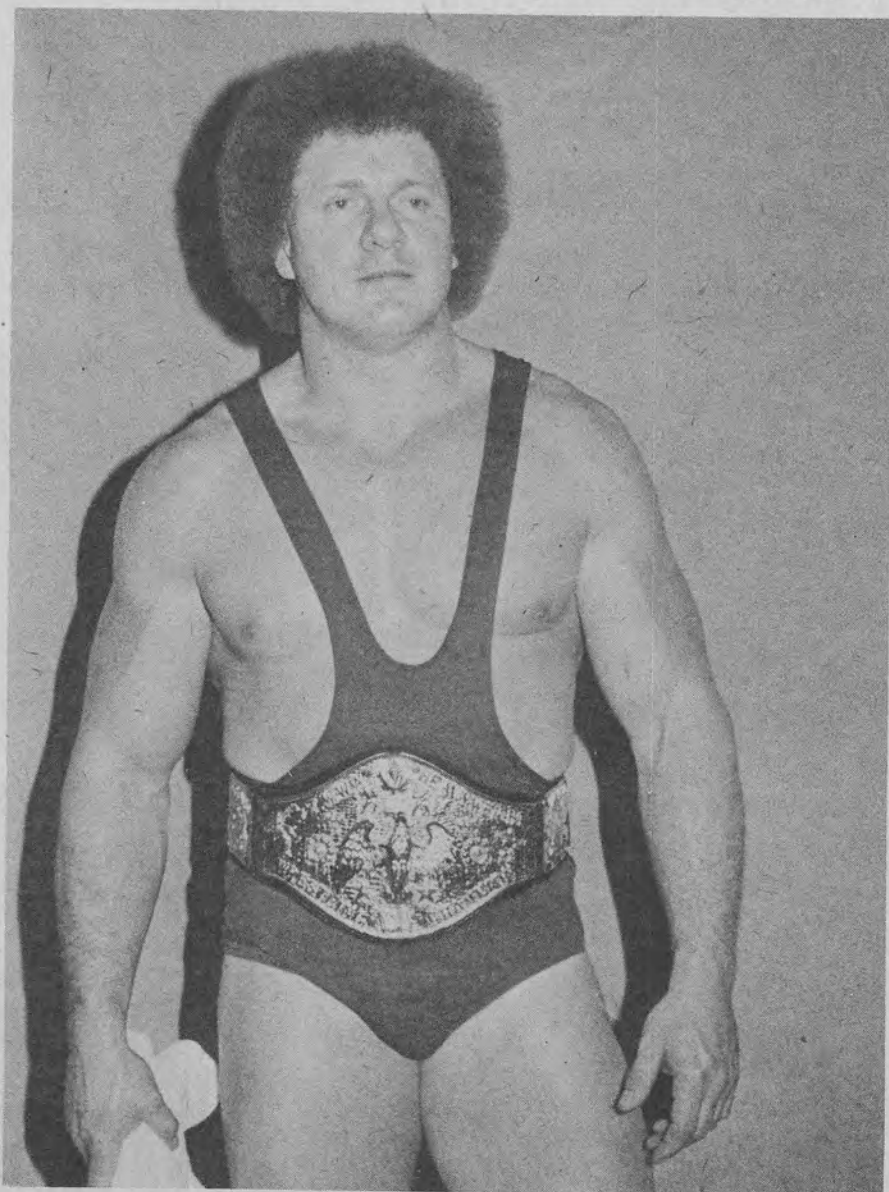




*U.S. title in an elimination tournament.*



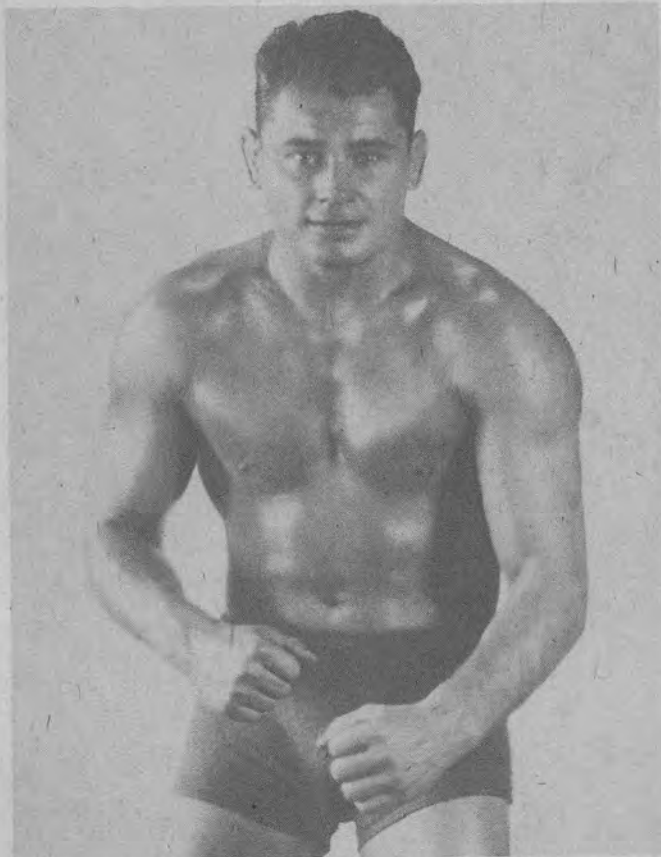
*Bruno defeats Bugsy McGraw and Lou Albano in a handicap match.*



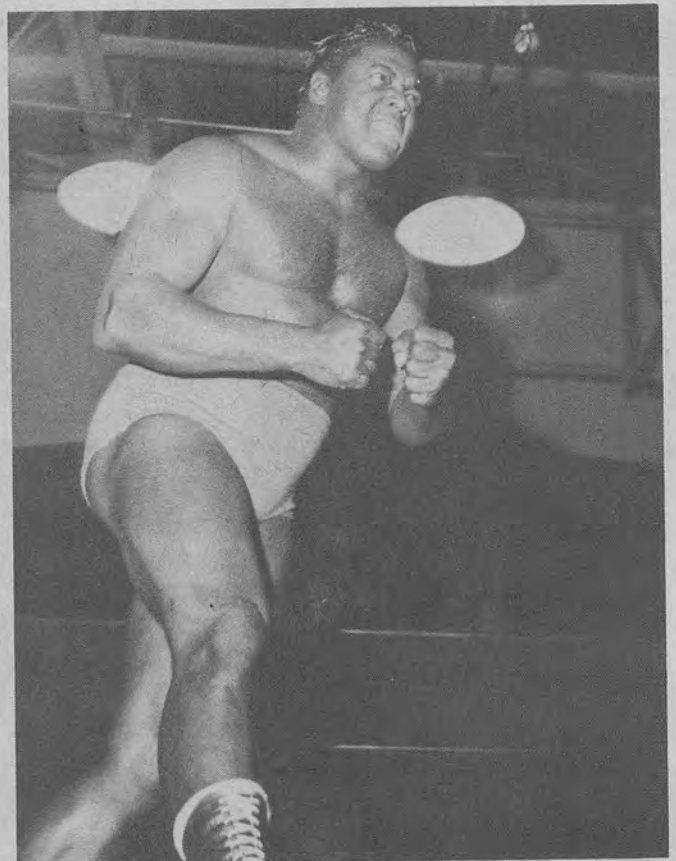
*Dewey Robertson captured the Canadian championship in a tournament.*

# OCTOBER

- 2—**The Mighty Yankees win Texas Tag Team title from Dick Hutton & Sam Steamboat in Fort Worth, Texas **(1961)**.
- 4—**Plane crash in Wilmington, North Carolina ends wrestling career of the great Johnny Valentine and also injures Ric Flair and Bob Bruggers **(1975)**.
- 6—**Andre the Giant is bodyslammed by NWA champion Harley Race **(1978)**.
- 8—**The Destroyer unmaskes The Assassin in Indianapolis, Indiana, battle **(1966)**.
- 9—**Bounty Hunters win AWA Southern Tag Team Tournament in Memphis, Tennessee, beating Bill Dundee & Handsome Jimmy Valiant in the finals **(1978)**.
- 13—**Sandor Szabo dies of heart attack at age 60 in Santa Monica, California **(1966)**.
- 15—**Bobo Brazil vs. Tiny Tim Anderson is the special attraction booked on this night's card in Tampa, Florida; according to press reports, this marks the first appearance allowed there for black male wrestlers **(1963)**.

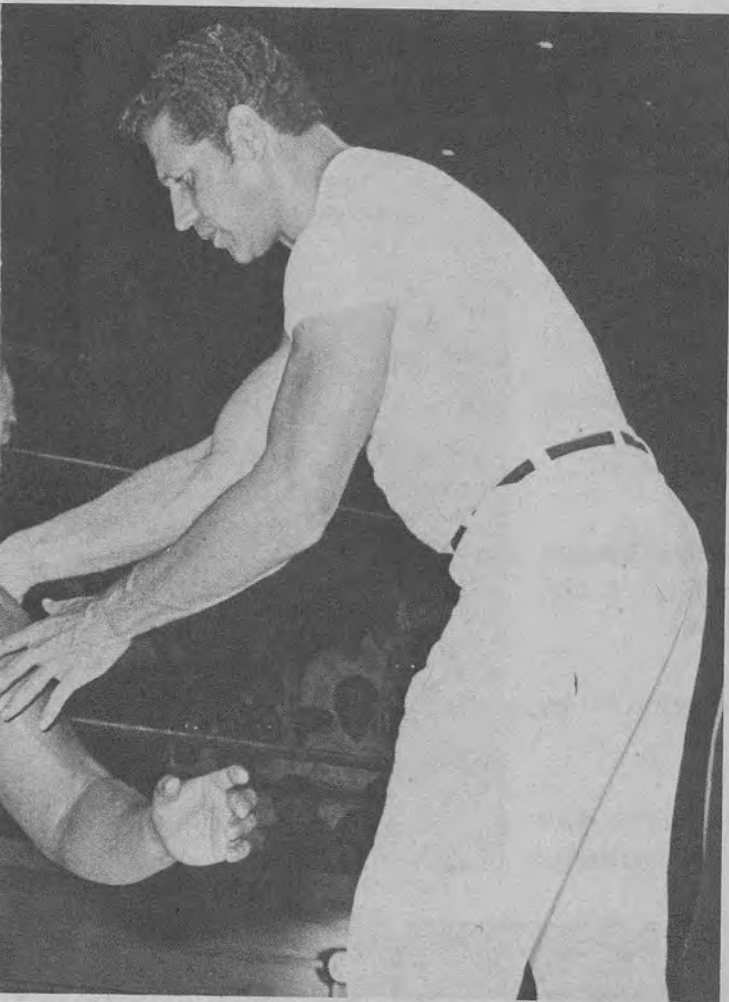


*Hungarian champion Sandor Szabo*

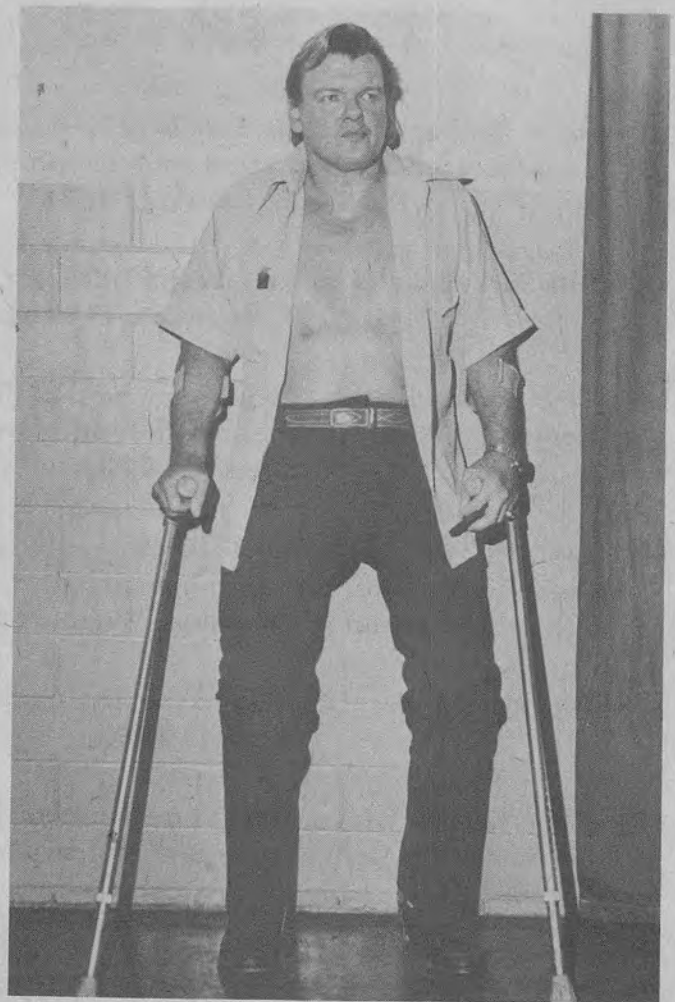


*Bobo Brazil broke the color barrier in Tampa.*

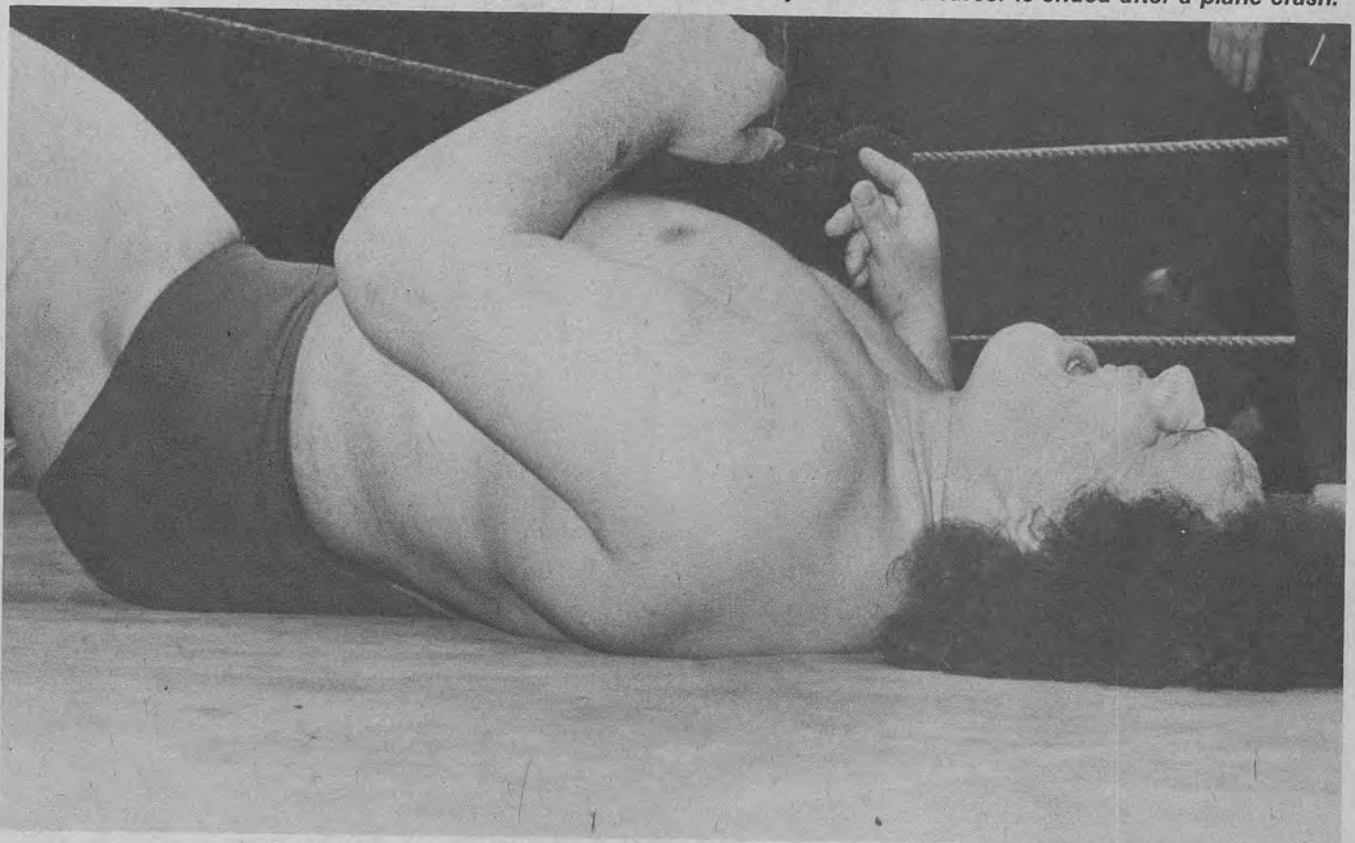




*The referee examines Sam Steamboat.*



*Johnny Valentine's career is ended after a plane crash.*

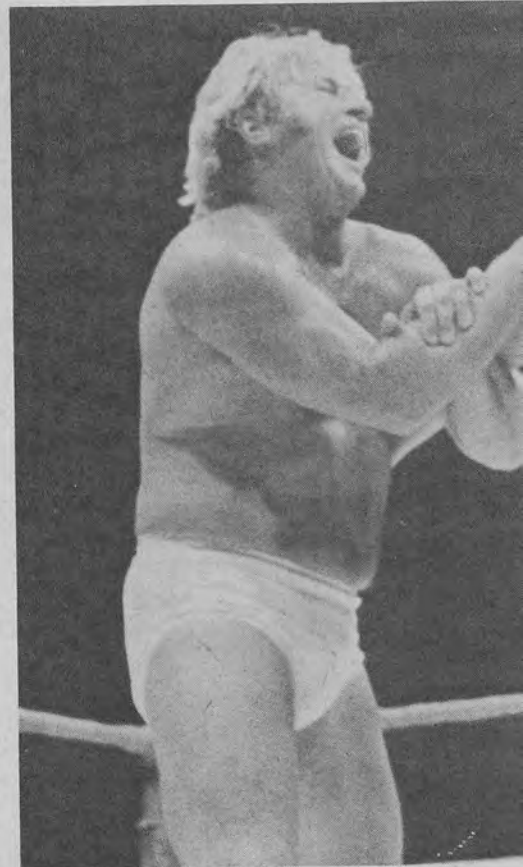


*Andre is more stunned than hurt after being bodyslammed by Harley Race.*

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# NOVEMBER

- 3—**Eddie Graham & Dickie Steinborn dethrone the Fabulous Kangaroos in U.S. tag team championship bout in Miami Beach, Florida **(1961)**.
- 8—**Nick Bockwinkel wins AWA World Title from Verne Gagne in St. Paul, Minnesota **(1975)**.
- 10—**Gino Hernandez has head shaven bald as penalty for losing Houston, Texas, grudge match with former tutor Jose Lothario **(1978)**.
- 13—**Roger Kirby & Buddy Colt, accompanied by manager Bearcat Wright, win South Eastern tag team belts from Gene & Ole Anderson in Columbus, Georgia **(1974)**.
- 16—**Eric the Red dies in Florida as the aftermath of being hit by a car **(1978)**.
- 17—**Dusty Rhodes wins a Steel Cage Southern Title match over his former tag team partner Dick Murdoch in St. Petersburg, Florida.



*Bockwinkel dethrones Gagne*

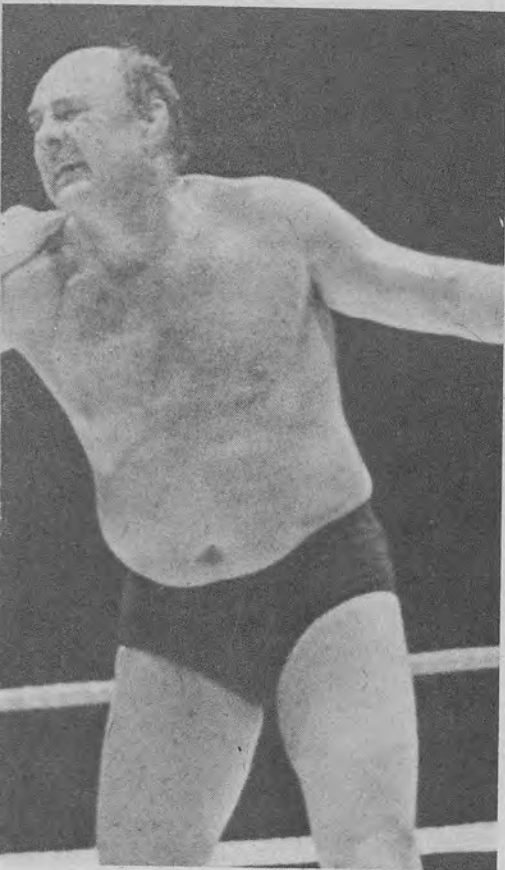


*Eric the Red*



*Blood flows from Dusty Rhodes' face during his match with Dick Murdoch.*





*Gino Hernandez lost more than a match to Jose Lothario.*

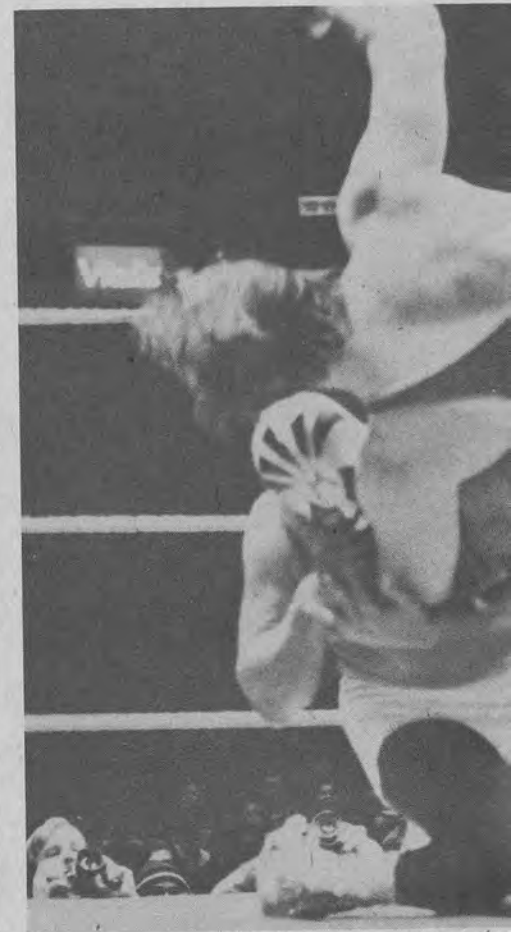
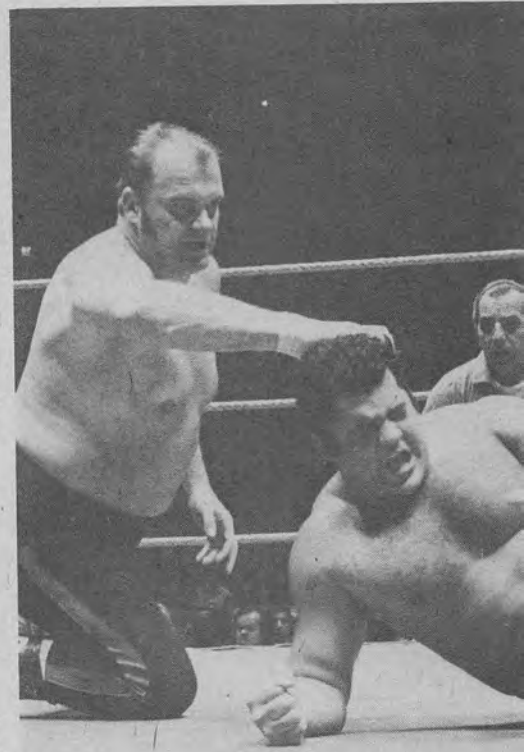
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# DECEMBER

- 1—Stan Stasiak wins WWF title from Pedro Morales in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1973).**
- 2—Shohei Baba wins World Title from Jack Brisco in Kagoshimi, Japan (1974).**
- 3—Tarzan Tyler & Luke Graham retain WWF tag team title by defeating the unlikely team of Bruno Sammartino & Beppo Mongol in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1971).**
- 8—Pro debut of Chris Taylor in Minneapolis, Minnesota (1973).**
- 9—Jack Brisco regained World Title from Shohei Baba in Toyohashi, Japan (1974).**
- 10—Terry Funk subbing for brother Dory Jr. wins World Title from Jack Brisco in Miami Beach, Florida (1975). Bruno Sammartino wins WWF title from Stan Stasiak before 22,000 happy Madison Square Garden fans in New York City, New York (1973).**
- 16—Victor the wrestling bear beats lady wrestler Mae Young in San Diego, California (1966).**
- 17—Dino Bravo wins vacated Canadian heavyweight championship from Gene Kiniski on Whipper Watson appreciation night in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (1978).**
- 18—Mil Mascaras, the first wrestler to be allowed to wear a full mask in Madison Square Garden, New York City, New York, makes his debut there by beating The Spoiler—who earlier had been denied the right to compete masked (1972).**

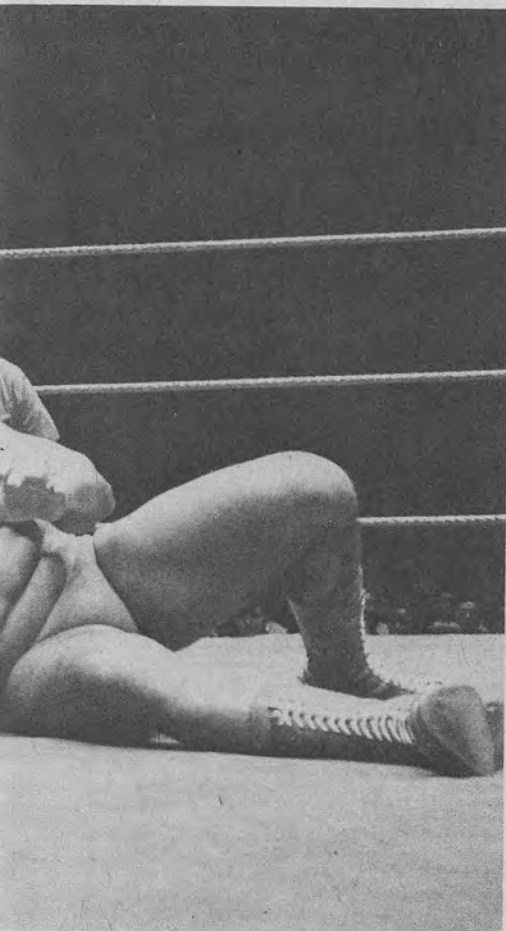


*Dino Bravo takes Canadian championship.*

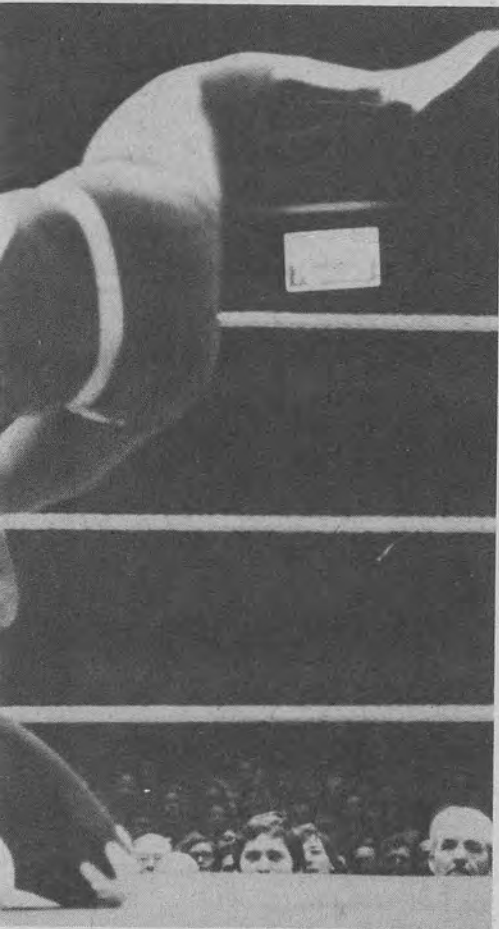


*Mil Mascaras, mask and all.*

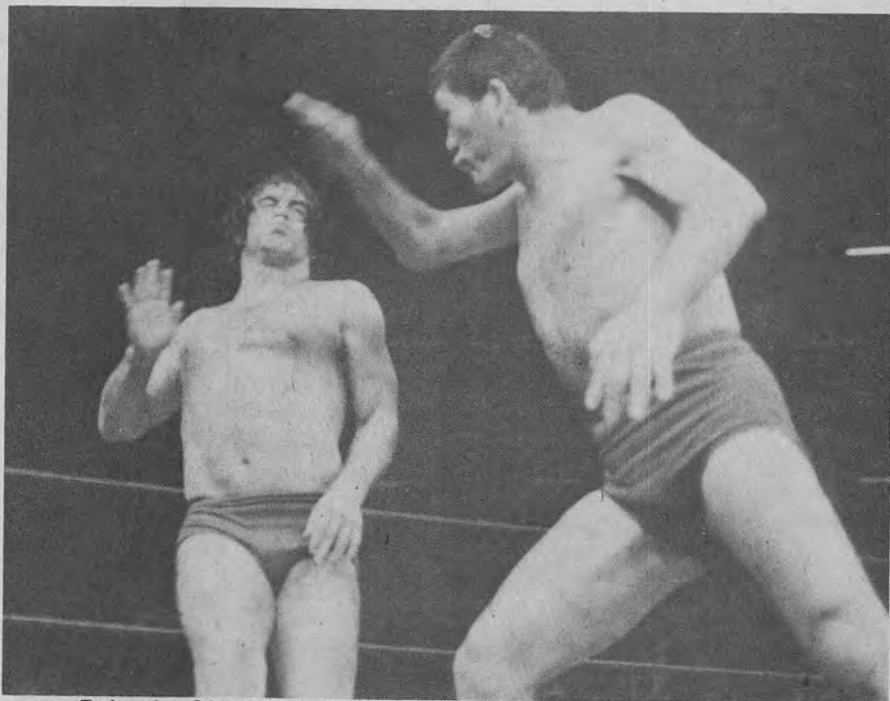




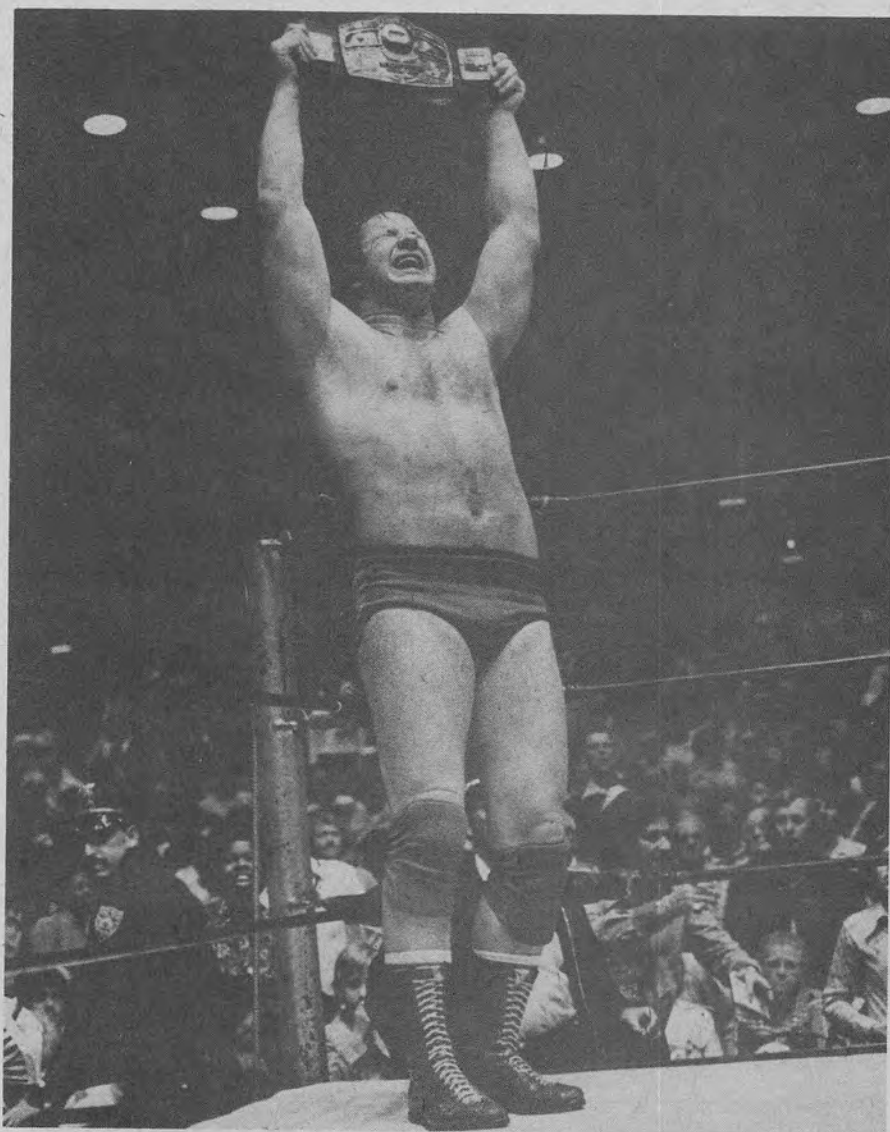
*Stasiak topples WWF champ Pedro Morales.*



*restles in New York.*



*Baba the Giant wins the NWA title from Jack Brisco in 1974 . . .*



*. . . as does Terry Funk in 1975.*

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### DO UNTO OTHERS

Greg Valentine better watch out. When he says, "I Would Like to Cripple Every Scientific Wrestler" (WRESTLING ANNUAL/Spring 1980), he'd better hope the top scientific wrestlers aren't listening.

I hope they are listening. Anyone with Valentine's mouth deserves to have it shut!

THOMAS NORMAN  
Chicago, IL

### TEARS OF GRIEF

After reading "Dory Funk Sr.'s Last Match," (WRESTLING ANNUAL/Spring 1980), I couldn't hold back the tears. That a man so courageous could wrestle without knowing death was so near, surely this is a man to remember.

There will never be another wrestler quite like Dory Funk Sr., nor should there be. We should remember the man as he was; we shouldn't try to replace him.

It should be enough that there was once a great man like Dory



Reader Thomas Norman would like to see Greg Valentine pay for his claim that he would like to cripple every scientific wrestler.





Matches between dirty wrestlers should not be covered by the press, writes Lance Cohen. To do so, he claims, brings undo glory to rulebreakers.

Funk Sr., who in stories like this will live forever.

STAN LINCOLN  
Tarzana, CA

### CLOSE THE BOOK

Though I know millions of fans loved the article "Diary of ... The Dirtiest Matches Ever" (WRESTLING Annual/Spring 1980), I don't think there should be articles like it.

By printing these articles, you give glory to dirty wrestlers. Wrestlers who break the rules should be shunned, not given more publicity. I know most fans don't think like that, but that's the way I feel.

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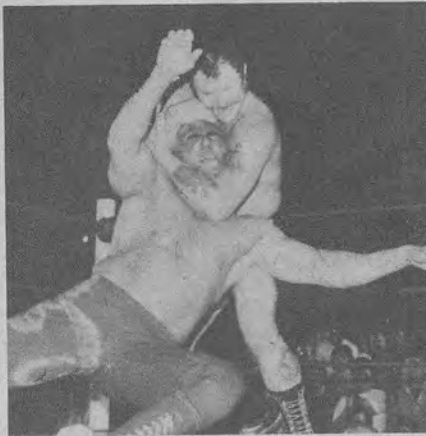
**19—Johnny Valentine wins the Missouri State title from Harley Race in St. Louis (1973)**

**22—Cyclon Negro sets a world record by defeating The Wrecker in three seconds in Houston (1965)**

**24—Lou Thesz wins the NWA title from Buddy Rogers in Toronto, Canada, to begin an incredible sixth reign as world champion (1963)**

**25—The Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida is the site for a title vs. title clash as NWA king Harley Race battles WWF titleholder Superstar Billy Graham (1978)**

**29—The final mat card in the "old" Madison Square Garden features Bruno Sammartino vs. Professor Tanaka (1968)**



*Harley Race battles Superstar Graham.*



*Sammartino locks up Tanaka.*



*Lou Thesz wins NWA title from Buddy Rogers.*

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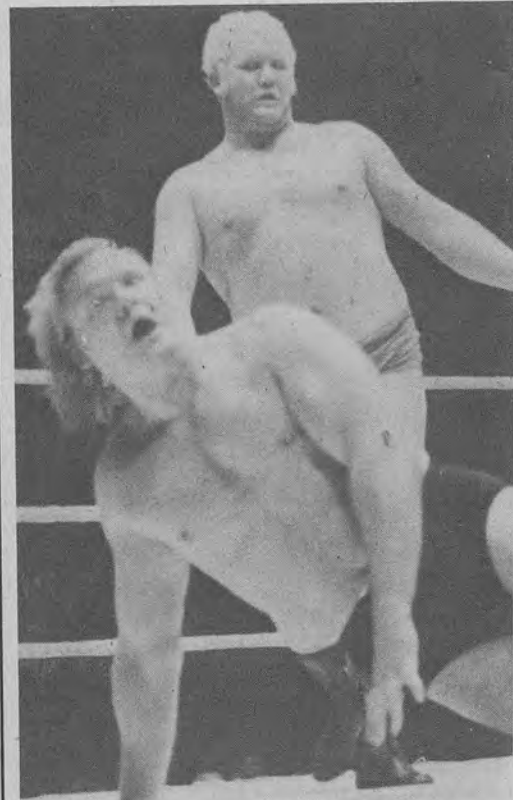
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**20—Bob Backlund wins the WWF belt from Superstar Graham in a controversial match in front of 22,092 fans in Madison Square Garden (1978)**



*Bob Backlund wins WWF belt.*

**21—Harley Race captures the Missouri State belt from Dory Funk Jr. in St. Louis (1975)**



*Johnny Valentine wins the Missouri State title from Harley Race.*



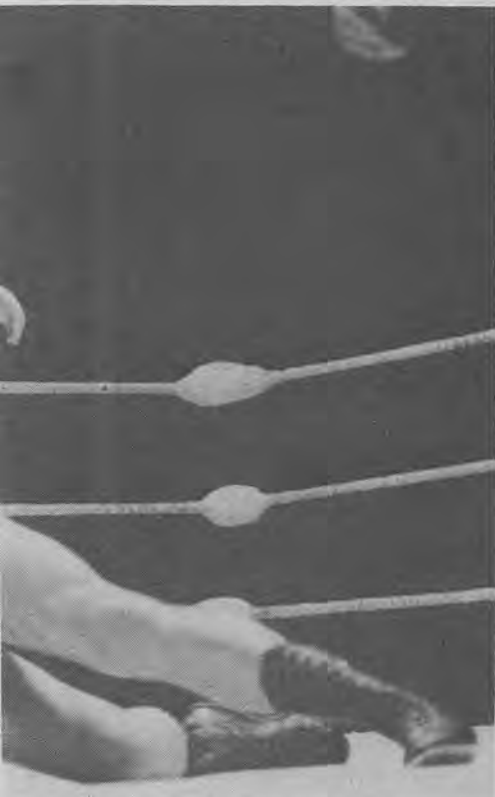


**Backlund headlocks Race.**

**22—Referee Marvin Jones loses to Terrible Ted the wrestling bear in Fort Worth, Texas (1960)**

**23—NWA champion Harley Race draws with WWF champion Bob Backlund in a title vs. title battle in Jacksonville, Florida (1978)**

**26—Hartford Love and Jerry Brown win the Central States tag team tournament in Wichita, Kansas (1979)**



**late title from Harley Race.**

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**17—Forty-one-year-old Don Eagle**, perhaps wrestling's greatest Indian star, dies at the Caughnawaga Indian Reserve near Montreal, Canada (1966)



Chief Don Eagle, dead at 41.

**21—Rita Cortez** defeats Olga Martinez in Detroit, Michigan marking the return of women wrestling to that state after a 25-year ban (1964)



Champions Bob Backlund and Nick Bockwinkel.

**25—In a title showdown** between AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel and WWF champion Bob Backlund in Toronto, both me are counted out of the ring (1979)

**31—Moondog Mayne** wins an 18-man battle royal but loses to WWF champion Pedro Morales in a title match later that night in Boston, Massachusetts (1973)



Pedro Morales defends his WWF championship against Moondog Mayne.

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**23—Bob Backlund wins Missouri title from Harley Race in St. Louis (1976).**

**24—Alberto Torres (who died later same year) & Cowboy Bob Ellis dethroned Ox Baker & Rock Rogowski as Midwest tag team champions in Omaha, Nebraska (1971).**

**26—Stan Hanson wins by default over injured Bruno Sammartino in New York City. New York's Madison Square Garden forcing Bruno into a hospital stay of some length (1976).**



Bruno's neck is "broken"

**27—Dick the Bruiser beats suspended pro football player Alex Karras in highly publicized grudge battle in Detroit, Michigan (1963). Bruno Sammartino unmasks The Invader (Dick Murdoch) in St. Louis, Missouri, ring (1973).**

**30—Superstar Billy Graham upsets Bruno Sammartino in Baltimore, Maryland, to capture the WWF championship (1977).**

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**21**—In what was billed as the greatest tag match ever, former World Champions Jack Brisco and Gene Kiniski defeated World Champion Terry Funk and former World Champion Dory Funk Jr. in St. Louis, Missouri (1976).



Nick Bockwinkel

**23**—Crusader No. 1 (Len Rossi) reveals his identity in order to be granted a grudge match against Gentleman Saul Weingeroff in Jacksonville, Florida (1963).



Race takes Funk Jr.'s title

**24**—Harley Race wins World Title from Dory Funk Jr. in Kansas City, Kansas (1973).

**29**—Nick Bockwinkel drew with Jose Lothario, and also subbed for Harley Race and drew with Terry Funk as Bock served double duty in Houston, Texas (1977).

**31**—According to the Tulsa, Oklahoma ad clip, Jack Brisco had his first professional match on this day in that city (1965).



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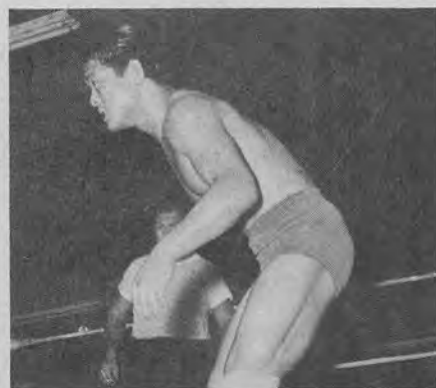
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**25—Wrestler Antonio Inoki gains a boring draw against boxing great Muhammad Ali in a Martial Arts fiasco in Tokyo, Japan (1976).**

**28—David Von Erich makes his debut in Dallas, Texas (1977).**



Chris Taylor

**30—Chris Taylor, age 29, dies at his home in Story City, Iowa (1979).**



# JULY

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**24—Hercules Cortez** died in an auto accident near St. Cloud, Minnesota at age 39; with him was his co-holder of the AWA tag team belts at the time—Red Bastien, who survived (1971).

**26—Sam Bass, Frankie Hester, and Pepe Lopez** were killed in an auto crash outside Jackson, Tennessee (1976). **Freddie Sweetan**, age 31, died in a cottage fire outside Moncton, N.B., Canada (1974).



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**21—Dusty Rhodes wins World Title from Harley Race in Tampa, Florida (1979).**

**22—Waldo Von Erich holds Bruno Sammartino to a one hour and 28 minute curfew draw in New York, N.Y.'s Madison Square Garden (1964).**



Bruno vs. Waldo Von Erich.

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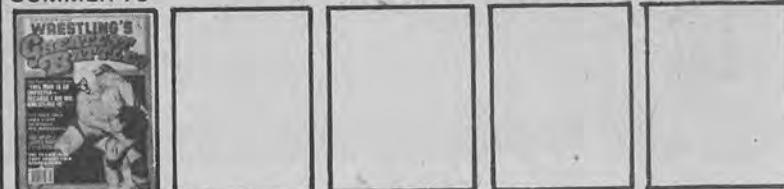
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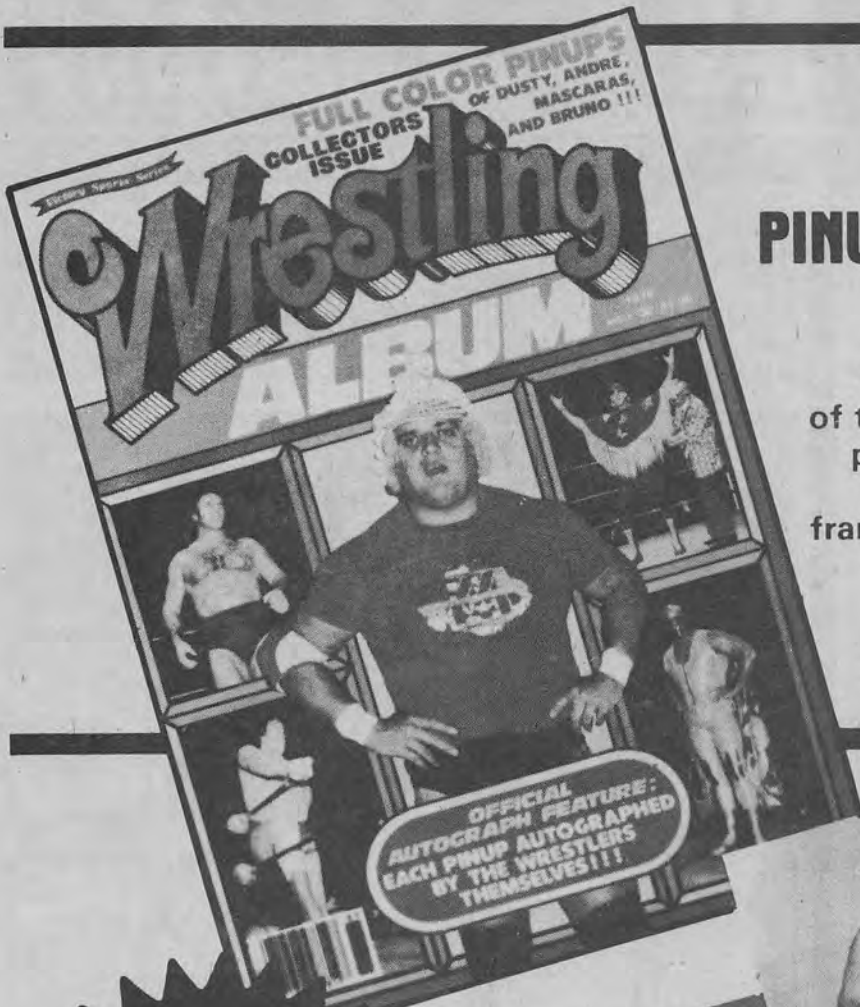
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**23—Pat Barrett** wins U.S. Jr. Heavyweight Championship from Ron Garvin in Columbus, Georgia (1974).



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**24—Argentina Rocca** wins by DQ over Bruno Sammartino in Madison Square Garden, New York City, New York, before 12,654 (1960).

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**24—Lou Thesz** wins 14-man Battle Royal and also stops Luke Graham in singles action the same night in Kansas City, Kansas (1966).



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**25—Billy Red Cloud** wins 16-man Battle Royal in Kansas City, Kansas, and also was on the winning side of a tag team match the same night (1976).

**26—Jack Brisco** wins the Missouri State title from Bob Backlund in St. Louis (1976).



**Jack Brisco**

**28—Longtime tag team** partners Duke Keomuka and Kenji Shibuya were booked as opponents this night in Fort Worth, Texas (1966).

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**21**—Bruno Sammartino beats Lou Albano in a steel cage match that draws a surprising 12,722 fans to Boston, Massachusetts card (1974).

**26**—The original Gorgeous George dies in Los Angeles, California (1963).



Gorgeous George

**27**—Sweet Daddy Siki has to dye his blonde hair black as a penalty for losing Toronto, Ontario, Canada, match to his former tag team parnter Dick "Bulldog" Brower (1964).

**30**—Largest crowd in Cobo Hall wrestling history sees former boxing champion Joe Louis referee match in which The Sheik beats Bobo Brazil, in front of 12,423 fans in Detroit, Michigan (1972).

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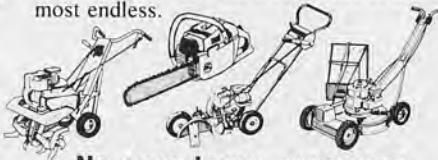
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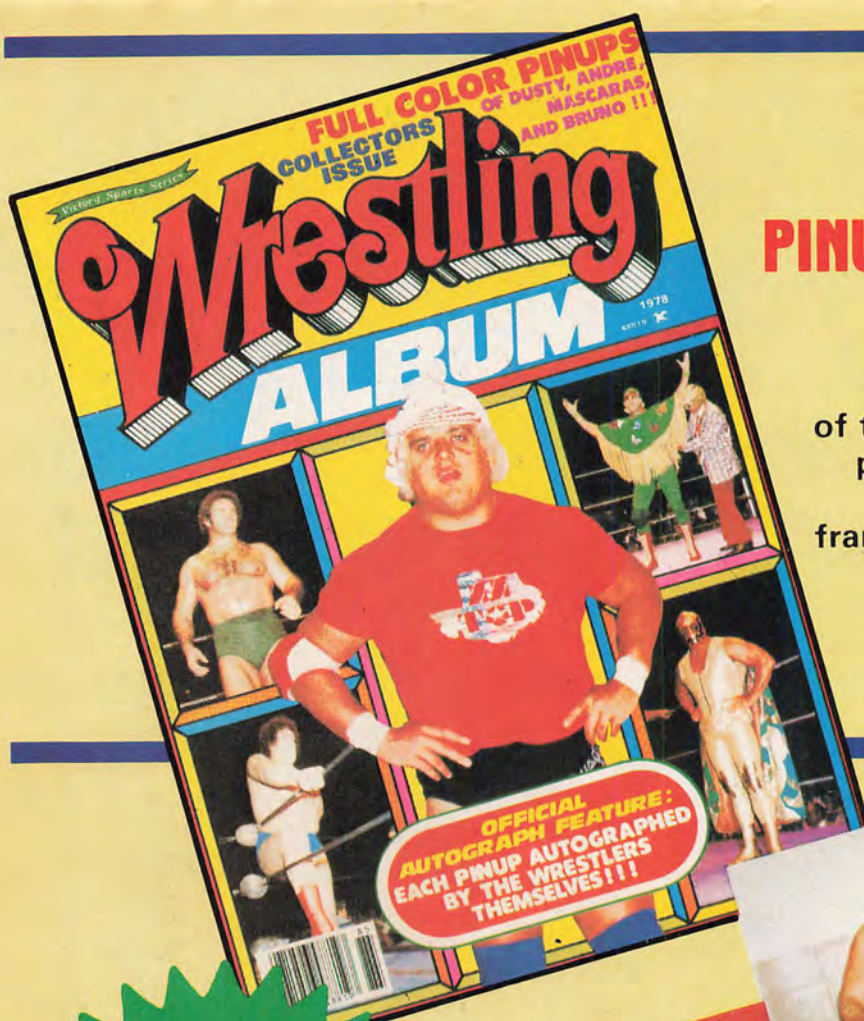
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